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Constitution burns after marathon meeting

by Sherryl Yeager

A small group of people stacked the AMS Annual General Meeting, delayed and stalled for nine hours, and then defeated the proposed amendments to the constitution, charges Mike Geoghegan, AMS VP Finance.

Geoghegan said the procedural tactics used by the group were, "partially filibustering, partially paranoia and mostly mindless hostility to UVic's membership in the Canadian Federation of Students."

One of the instigators of the opposition was Andrew Blackman, a former AMS Board of Directors member.

"I started stacking the meeting two weeks ago," Blackman said. "I stacked the meeting properly with interested people who were there because they wanted to be there."

Throughout the meeting Blackman and others opposed the meeting's chair, Robert Clift, Pacific region chair for the Canadian Federation of Students. The group also objected each time question was called, forcing students to vote on whether or not to hold a further vote.

The group also opposed an alternating speaker's list, as well as any limits on the number of times a person could speak, and how long speeches would last.

The division between factions was visible, as those in support of the constitution were scattered about the Cinecenta, while those opposing it were congregated near the back.

Motions to adjourn the meeting were made by the group twice. When 7 p.m. neared, Blackman requested the entire constitution be read before the vote. He then left the room several times during the reading.

When asked if he utilized this time to stack the meeting, Blackman said, "I did not do any relevant stacking after 8 p.m."

Trish Purton was one of the people seated near Blackman who opposed the proposed constitution.

When asked why she opposed the constitution, she said, "I felt it was too sweeping. Too many changes were being made at once." Purton said she had not read a copy of the old constitution, and was "going by what I picked

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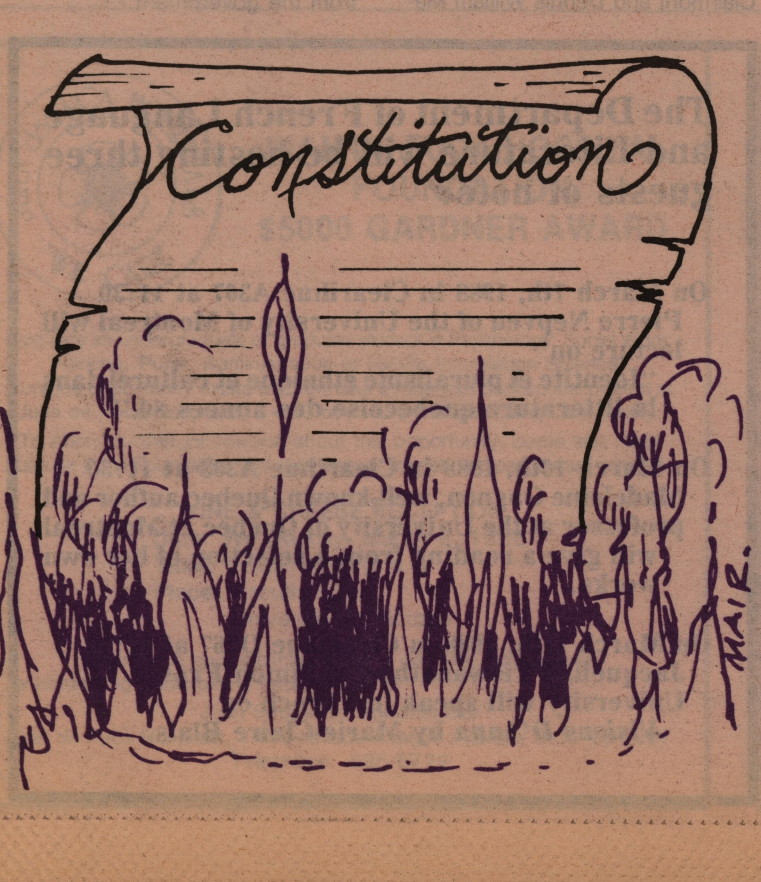


"March 8 is the day women around the world reflect on their struggles and their successes to achieve equality.

"Since 1980, women have gathered to meet, demonstrate, celebrate and organise to bring equality to the forefront of everyday life." (Rosemary Brown, 1982.)

Campus and other groups have organized a week of events to raise awareness of how far women have come . . . and how far we have yet to go before true equality exists in all aspects of life — economic, political, and personal. See pages 10 and 11.

Students angered by payoff

**by Ross McLaren
Canadian University Press**

Students on campus are unhappy Jamie Gripich, who was fired two weeks ago as *Martlet* co-editor, continues to receive an $800 per month salary from the *Martlet* budget after the AMS Board of directors hired him as a resource person.

"It sounds like the AMS just paid him (Gripich) so he would not sue the AMS. It's absurd they pay him from the *Martlet* budget," said Tiina Klassen, 3rd year arts student.

"The editor was asked to resign in a democratic vote and in order to appease him another job appeared. He (Gripich) is not doing the job he was paid to do," said Klassen.

Joe Poje, a 2nd year fine arts student, said "it doesn't make much sense if he is getting paid by the *Martlet*. The AMS shouldn't be using *Martlet* money to keep him quiet."

But Michael Geoghegan, AMS VP Finance, said the *Martlet* did not have just cause to fire Gripich so the AMS had to continue to pay his salary.

"The *Martlet* collective failed to show 'just cause' — they (the collective) had a lot of political and personal reasons but all a labor relations board would be interested in is if a person is doing their job," said Geoghegan.

Martlet writer Lyle Stewart said his paper had "more than 'just cause' for both editors' dismissal.

"Jamie's abilities as an editor were circumspect at best. He admits he is not a good news writer, much less an editor," said Stewart.

"Jamie is an AMS employee," added Geoghegan, "we gave him a new job title, and a new job description. *Martlet* money is AMS money. The *Martlet* does not have its own fee base."

Geoghegan, when asked what the personal and political reasons were, said, "I don't know what caused the conflict but since no 'just cause' was established it leaves only personal and political reasons."

Geoghegan said the AMS did not phone a lawyer to ask if 'just cause' could be established because "the feeling on the Board of Directors is that they didn't want to go to the legal expense."

The *Martlet* staff is furious that the AMS continues to pay Gripich's salary from the *Martlet* budget.

"It's a travesty to think the AMS would hire someone from another group on campus found to be incompetent," said *Martlet* news editor Sherryl Yeager. "It not only shows a lack of respect for *Martlet* staff, it shows a lack of respect to the whole student populace."

"They didn't even bother to consult a lawyer. They made the decision in-camera without even looking at the minutes and position papers presented by the *Martlet*," she said.

Stewart said staff had other problems with Gripich's job performance:

- lack of news writing seminars and training for new staff members.
- keeping the one *Martlet* computer located in the editor's office after numerous requests to make it accessible to staff.
- negotiating a two year contract with the AMS establishing funding levels for the *Martlet* without consulting other staff members.

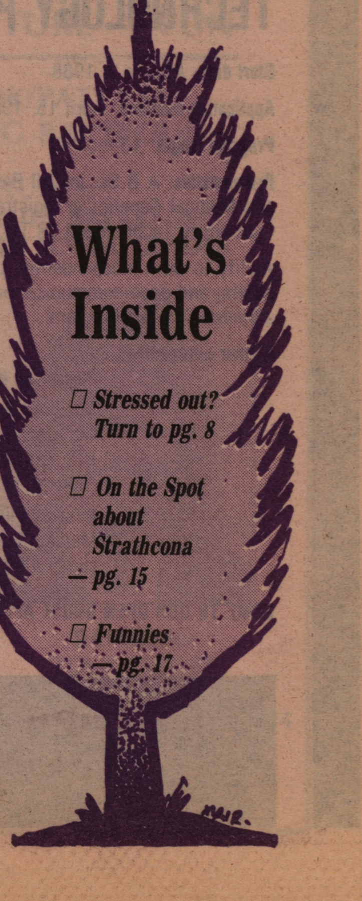
Staff had approached Gripich repeatedly and asked him to act in a democratic manner and consult with them.

Gripich and fellow co-editor Lolita Tubio were asked by the *Martlet* staff to resign Feb. 11 following a motion where staff voted 10 to one expressing non-confidence in the editors' ability to work together and with staff.

Gripich challenged the staff decision before the BOD, questioning its legality and the democratic nature of the vote, and threatened to sue the AMS, the *Martlet*'s publisher, for wrongful dismissal. The BOD then directed the *Martlet* staff to hold another meeting, where staff re-affirmed the staff's original decision to ask Gripich to resign or be fired. The vote was 12 to one.

The AMS then reassigned Gripich to work as a resource person to help the AMS prepare for the Canadian Federation of Students national general meeting to be held this summer at UVic.

Gripich was unavailable for comment.☐



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up last night."

"I didn't object to any specific issue, I objected to the procedure," said Purton.

But members of the BOD said over 50 per cent of the amendments were rewrites of the old constitution.

"This minority attempted to filibuster until 7 p.m. when we had to vacate (the Cinecenta). Then when we reconvened in the SUB upper lounge they continued to filibuster so they'd have time to grab some of their friends from residence and the bar. So they ended up having one third of the vote," said Geoghegan.

In order to pass, the constitution needed a 75 per cent majority vote in favor. The vote was 35 in favor of the constitution and 24 opposed.

Geoghegan said the intent of the amended constitution was to increase student involvement in the AMS by making the AGM more powerful than the BOD, thus encouraging students to vote at AGMs.

"The more democratic an organization is, the greater the responsibilities of each member. Unfortunately, there are always going to be those who have little understanding and even less respect for democratic procedures, and instead will subvert those procedures to their own end," said Geoghegan.

"The basic aim of the constitution was to put students back in control of the organization which they fund and to give it the kind of structure which will enable the students' union to handle financial and other crises," he added.

Blackman said he is opposed to the AGM being more powerful than the BOD.

"Through referendum we elect people to run the society on a day to day basis," said Blackman. "the BOD always has had more power and always should have."

Blackman said the proposed amendments were forcing students to get involved, something he disagreed with. "It forced me to go to my friends and show them the constitution and to oppose it."

He was also opposed to what he said was "the entrenchment of CFS in the AMS constitution."

CFS was mentioned several times in the constitution, including the creation of positions for students to sit on its committees and report back to BOD.

When time was running out during the meeting, several members made motions to pass over certain bylaws. The dissenting side later claimed this as one of the reasons for voting against the constitution.

Frache said she did not think the attempt to hasten the meeting was politically damaging, but she did say, "I think some individuals, no matter what their intentions, engaged in some less than professional behaviour."

The BOD has not yet decided whether to hold another AGM or take the constitution to a referendum.

The most significant changes to the old constitution were increasing the power of the AGM, allowing the BOD to increase student fees at an AGM (which was defeated), and the alteration of the society's name to the University of Victoria Student's Union.

Other changes in the bylaws concerned the Ombudsperson's office, recognition of the responsibility of members of CFS, the *Martlet*, and the creation of a staff liaison officer for SUB employees.

The AGM failed to reach quorum of 100 students, so it was reconvened half an hour later, and a quorum of 20 people was maintained throughout the day.☐

Carleton council frees student's newspaper

Ottawa (CUP)

A contract and a set of by-laws granting autonomy to Carleton University's student newspaper were overwhelmingly approved by the student council last week.

The agreement passed 24 to 3. Council also voted near-unanimously to submit the autonomy agreement to students for approval in a referendum before March 31.

Under autonomy, the Charlatan will receive a lump sum of $81,000 a year from student fees, a levy which may change according to shifts in enrolment. As of May 1, the Charlatan will no longer be a service of the Carleton University Student Association (CUSA) and will not need council approval for funding.

"It's going to be a lot of work," said editor Greg Ip. "People are really going into it with a positive attitude. I really believe CUSA did a great thing. They voted for autonomy for the right reasons."

Ip attributes the council's support to a thorough understanding of the autonomy question.

"They voted for it because they realized, despite the rhetoric, they were bringing freedom of expression a little closer to Carleton," he said.

CUSA councillor Stephen Mintenko, who voted against autonomy for the Charlatan, called the entire procedure "a farce".

"The Charlatan is a bloody rag. It has never reported a CUSA meeting accurately," he said.

Mintenko suggested that some council members, running in the upcoming student council elections, did not want to vote against the proposal and receive negative publicity.

CUSA president Bruce Hayden called Mintenko's accusations "totally groundless and unfair to the councillors". He said he was "greatly impressed with extent of investigation and cooperation that went on" between CUSA and the Charlatan.

The Charlatan will be incorporated and final legal authority for the paper's affairs will rest with the Board of Directors. The directors, who will operate under the newly-passed by-laws, will include five students, two Charlatan staff, one professional journalist and one faculty member.

No representatives of CUSA will sit on the board.☐

Black tenants kicked out

Halifax (CUP)

The predominantly black welfare recipients living in a government run housing project are refusing to leave their homes to make way for $7 million renovations.

The tenants of Uniacke Square are afraid they won't be allowed back into their apartments once the Conservative government's 'regeneration' project is completed.

The Tories have refused to provide a written pledge to residents assuring the housing space will be returned.

Critics of the scheme say it's not surprising that the tenants don't trust the government.

The complex was originally built to house some of the displaced residents of Afrioville, a 400-strong ghetto which was razed to make way for a bridge. The site, cleared with bull dozers in the mid-1960's is now a park.

According to sociologists Donald Clairmont and Dennis William Magill, Halifax city council's neglect, poor management and bad planning guaranteed Afrioville's death. At one point, city residents were dumping their garbage in Afrioville with impunity.

The community was broken up, and the two professors say the consequences of relocation were devastating for morale and spirit.

"The fate of the uprooted poor is inevitably harsh," they write in their book 'The Life and Death of a Black Community' and quote a local black leader's assessment of the destruction of Afrioville.

"When you're a minority you need to stick together. They (the Afrioville people) lost that. Afrioville has rich symbolic value for black organizations charged with the mandate of fostering black culture and development and fighting racism and shallow promises."

Valerie Carvery, president of the Uniacke Square Tenants' Association, is fighting for a written promise from the government.☐

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The Department of French Language and Literature will be hosting three guests of note:

On March 7th, 1988 in Clearihue A307 at 11:30 Pierre Nepveu of the University of Montreal will lecture on "Identite et pluralisme ethnique et culturel dans la litterature quebecoise des annees 80."

On March 10th, 1988 in Clearihue A303 at 11:30 Madeleine Gagnon, well-known Quebec author and professor at the University of Quebec at Montreal will give a reading from a selection of her own works.

On March 11th, 1988 in Clearihue D267 at 11:30 Jacqueline Viswanathan of Simon Fraser University will speak in French on *Visions D'Anna* by Marie-Claire Blais.

Silent majority speaks out

by Jay McLaughlin

Keep your laws off my body was just one of the slogans 2,000 people carried at the Legislature lawns last Wednesday.

They carried posters and placards with other slogans; "Vander Zalm's mother never had a choice" and "women for clinics/clinics for women." The crowd had come to the B.C. Legislature to protest Vander Zalm's recent changes to B.C. abortion laws.

At the present time, abortions are still available in most B.C. hospitals, but the provincial government no longer provides universal funding.

The lunch time rally was organized by the Victoria Coalition for Choice on Abortion, and the enthusiastic and responsive crowd listened for over an hour to speeches from various groups, including the B.C. Federation of Labour, the Human Rights Coalition, members of the provincial Opposition, and several pro-choice coalitions and activist groups.

Mike Harcourt, leader of the Opposition, was the only man to speak at the rally.

After declaring he was "pro-choice and proud of it," Harcourt went on to say Vander Zalm's actions were "illegal, unconstitutional, and put women at risk."

Harcourt accused the government of setting up a two-tiered health system — "one for the rich and privileged few, and one for the rest of us."

Many of the preceding speeches echoed Harcourt's accusation.

The speaker for the Human Rights Coalition said the government decision not to provide universal funding for abortion discriminated against financially disadvantaged women and promoted social inequality.

Another speaker, Maggie Thomson, demanded the government fund all abortions and also provide money to set up women's health care facilities.

Speaking for the B.C. Coalition for Abortion Clinics, Thomson's declaration there would soon be a free-standing clinic in Vancouver was well received by the crowd. A chant of "Resign! Resign!" was taken up by the crowd when Thomson called for Health Minister Peter Dueck's resignation.

Speaking for the Coalition for Choice was Deborah Acheson, a Victoria lawyer.

She told demonstrators the group had set up a trust fund to provide money for women who can't afford abortions under the present system.

At the close of the rally flowers were presented to Mary Conley, a Victoria doctor and member of the B.C. Physicians for Choice.

The demonstrators applauded and cheered Conley, who has put her life and work on the line for the pro-choice movement in B.C.

In her speech, Conley suggested the $4 million the government is currently planning to use setting up shelters for unwed mothers should instead be used to fund contraceptive and pregnancy counselling centres across B.C.

She also reiterated other speakers' statements, that reproductive choice is the right of all women and a woman's decisions concerning abortion are a private matter between her and her doctor.

On Feb. 6, Premier Bill Vander Zalm announced abortion funding would only be provided if the pregnant woman's life was at risk.

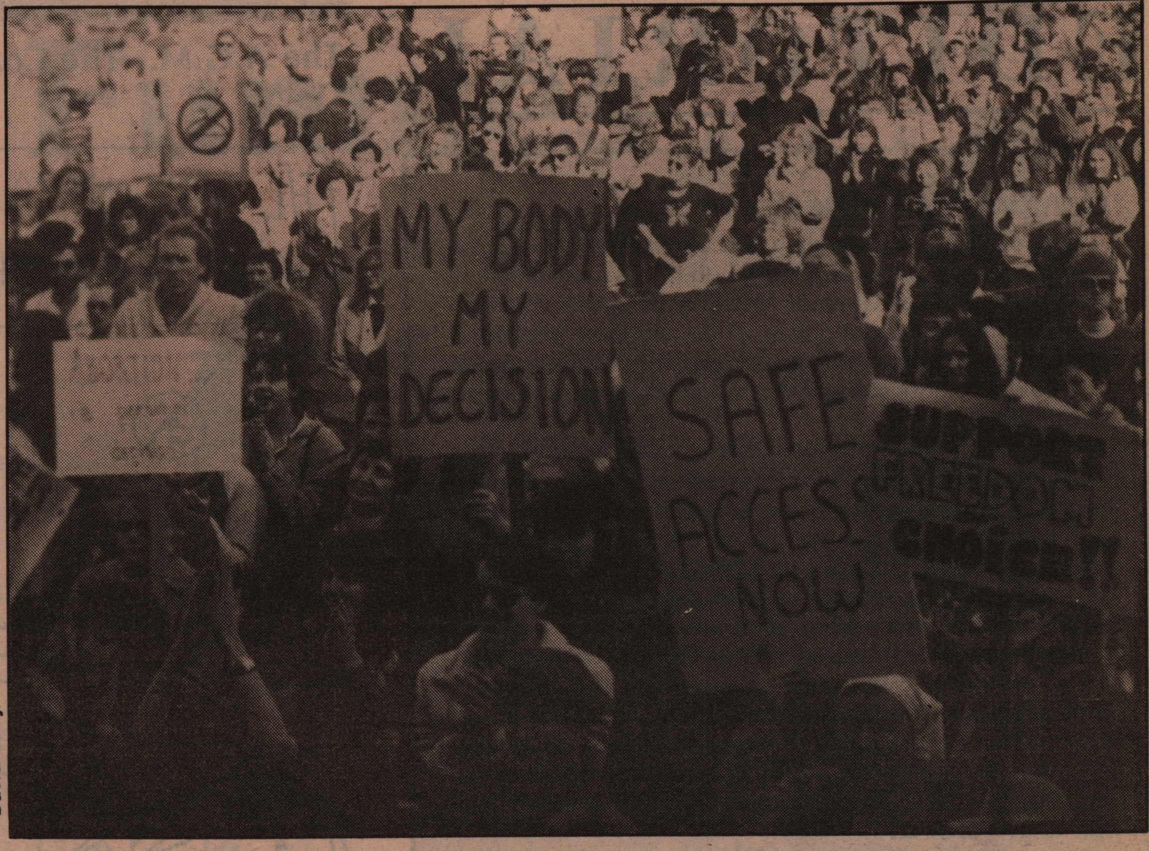
In response to an objector, Vander Zalm said, "We (the government) will not walk away from life-threatening situations, but the basic rule is — no funding for abortions."

An amendment to fund abortions for women whose pregnancies were the result of rape or incest was announced on Feb. 18.

The changes in B.C. abortion policy followed the Jan. 28 Supreme Court ruling federal laws restricting access to therapeutic abortions were unconstitutional.

Pro-Choice advocates in this province applauded the Supreme Court ruling and feel the recent changes in abortion policy are unfair to the women of B.C.

Wednesday's rally was an opportunity to express their dismay and outrage at their government's treatment of the abortion issue.☐



David Edey

Over 2,000 people rallied at the legislature against the government's stand on abortion.

UVic to play the Commonwealth game

by Lyle Stewart

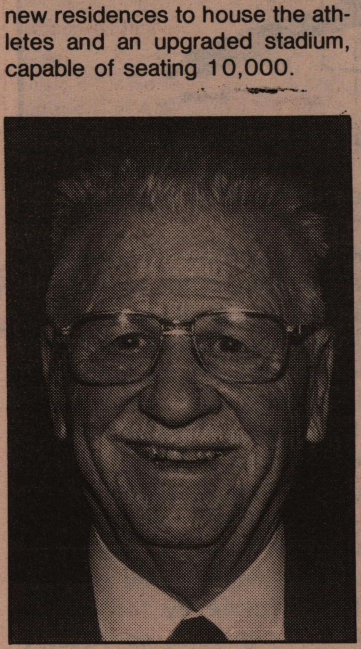
Victoria has a 75 per cent chance of beating out New Delhi and Cardiff, Wales, to host the 1994 Commonwealth Games, the president of Edmonton's 1978 Games said Saturday at UVic.

Addressing the $18-a-plate inaugural dinner of the Royal Commonwealth Society's youth branch, Dr. Maurice Van Vliet said he was "very upbeat" about Victoria's bid, and noted the city and UVic would greatly benefit from the federal $50 million in new facilities, should Victoria win the games.

But Van Vliet dismissed as "childish", student concerns new investment in the university generated by games would be at the expense of improvements to UVic's infrastructure, particularly the World War II - vintage huts which house the Visual Arts Department.

"It's very short-sighted," said Van Vliet. "There is no way in God's world that money would be transferred to build at UVic if it weren't for the games."

Van Vliet said UVic can expect new residences to house the athletes and an upgraded stadium, capable of seating 10,000.



Politics remain the biggest challenge to the Commonwealth Games movement, said Van Vliet, who as honorary vice-president of the Canadian Commonwealth Games Association cannot actively lobby for the hosting of the games in Victoria.

"There are political problems among many of the black nations, particularly with South Africa," he said. "Sport is not immune to political problems, even though they have very little to do with running the 100 metre dash."

Van Vliet was also frustrated with domestic political wrangling: "Dealing with municipal, provincial and federal governments is like being an early Christian and hearing the lions roar," he told the 50 people gathered in UVic's posh faculty club.

However, the controversy over Victoria's nomination as Canada's bid to host the games, said Van Vliet, was not due to "sour grapes" (Victoria was chosen over Halifax even though the Nova Scotia capital was recommended by the games selection committee).

"It was honest disappointment," said the 74-year-old Van Vliet. "The federal government's promise of a $50 million legacy to the successful bidder interested many cities and created intense competition.

"There are bound to be hard feelings and misunderstandings when a decision is made," he said, noting a record nine cities had entered the games competition.

Van Vliet recommended the games selection committee make eliminations early on in future Commonwealth Games competitions.

Van Vliet also reminisced about his travels as a Commonwealth official, telling the audience — some of whom were high school students participating in last week's mock Commonwealth conference — that Commonwealth involvement can lead to audiences with the Queen and other heads of state.

The students hope to form a Royal Commonwealth Society youth chapter on the UVic campus next year, and to participate in international conferences modeled on Commonwealth conferences like the one held in Vancouver last fall.

"The main purpose of the Commonwealth is to promote the awareness of the rich cultures in various parts of the world," said Van Vliet.

"This way we can recognize the ways and means of improving our international relationships," he said, noting that the Commonwealth Games village can serve as a model for our international relations.☐

Black women nix international women's week at Concordia

by David Bigsby
with CUP files

Women from ethnic groups won't be represented at this year's International Women's Week celebrations at Concordia University, said the school's Black Women's Congress.

The Congress said it will not participate in the IWW activities planned for the second week of March because there was a lack of serious efforts by organizers to involve women from ethnic groups.

"We should get as many women involved as possible, otherwise we won't truly be representative of the women at Concordia," said council co-president Maxine Clarke, who represents the Black Women's Congress on the IWW organizing committee at Concordia.

"Otherwise, it's wrong to call it International Women's Week. There hasn't been any networking by the committee. Who are they going to attract? White middle class women? Then the name should be changed to White Women's Week," she said.

Karen Takacs, a member of the organizing committee, said the committee would set a meeting with the Congress.

"We want to try and settle this internally," she said. "All the women are more than interested in involving women of colour."

"Their intentions are genuinely good but that isn't enough," Clarke said. "I know of three cases where women from the Iran-Iraqi Friendship Association, two native women and a Chinese woman were interested in women's week but did not know who to talk to or where to go to participate."

For the IWW at UVic, the Women's Center will host the Women's Film Festival Mar. 7 - 11.

When asked if the Women's Center actively invited ethnic women to attend, resource person Jody Stamps said, "No formal invitations were sent to anybody as such."

Stamps disagreed with segregating women, and said, "it's just going to weaken the voice we've got."

"The Film Festival consists of films about women of all ages, and it included films that deal with ethnic minorities as well," said Stamps.

"We try to convey issues concerning all women as women regardless of their race or religion or sexual preference."

Five of the 31 films running during the Festival deal specifically with visible minorities, including one about handicapped women.☐

EDITORIAL

Compromising democracy

Political wheeling, dealing and backstabbing was delivered to those unfortunate enough to have endured last Monday's Annual General Meeting of the AMS. It is tragic students adhering to their convictions were forced to stay in a room for nine hours and watch a group of fellow students subvert democracy solely for reasons of principle.

The AGM's main purpose was to ratify amendments to the society's constitution which would have given students a greater role in the decision making process.

The amendments were defeated because a small group of people objected to having the changes made as a package deal; rather than passing each change point by point, after discussing each amendment.

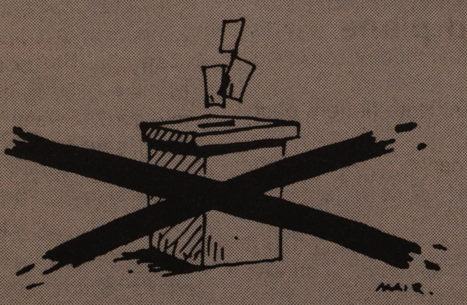
Yet they claim to agree with many of the points.

Those who had bothered to take time out to read a copy of the old constitution thoroughly would have seen the need for the proposed changes. Many of the changes were simple rewording so the constitution could be interpreted by the average student without having to consult a lawyer first.

Instead, the opposing side chose to abuse Robert's Rules of Order to filibuster the meeting.

For those fortunate enough never to have endured Robert and his rules, this may seem irrelevant.

But anyone who cares in the least what happens to their student union fees may be interested to learn that rather than true democratic process being followed, a small group utilized their knowledge of process to stall the meeting beyond the tolerance of the average student. Thus, not only did many people leave, those opposing the amendments had time to stack the meeting in their favour.



That these tactics were deliberate was obvious to anyone in the room merely by the fact the group sat in the same section of the theatre and stood up to vote as a unit.

Rather than conduct themselves in a productive manner, and suggest feasible alternative motions and amendments, this group chose to stall and delay until members of the BOD, with the support of the other students at the meeting, tried to move quickly over motions which were virtual rewrites of the old constitution.

It is terrifying when people who attend a university are so close minded to change and progress.

Equally horrendous is the thought that 20 members of the student population can radically affect the future of the AMS and thus the university as a whole. One of the amendments to the constitution would have prevented this from happening in the future by forcing quorum for such meetings up to 1 per cent, or 113 students.

Objections were made to the supposed lack of input received from outside sources into the drafting of the new constitution. In fact, the document received input from 11 elected BOD members as well as four executive members, clubs and course unions, the Ombudsperson and students at large.

It is more likely those on the opposing side resented the fact they were not personally consulted. Those who stacked the meeting are former BOD members.

The BOD can not possibly be expected to personally consult ever single student before a constitution is ratified.

That's what an AGM is for.

Due to a lack of consideration for other human beings, the side opposed denied this right to fellow students.

It is up to the students of this campus to ensure it never happens again. ☐

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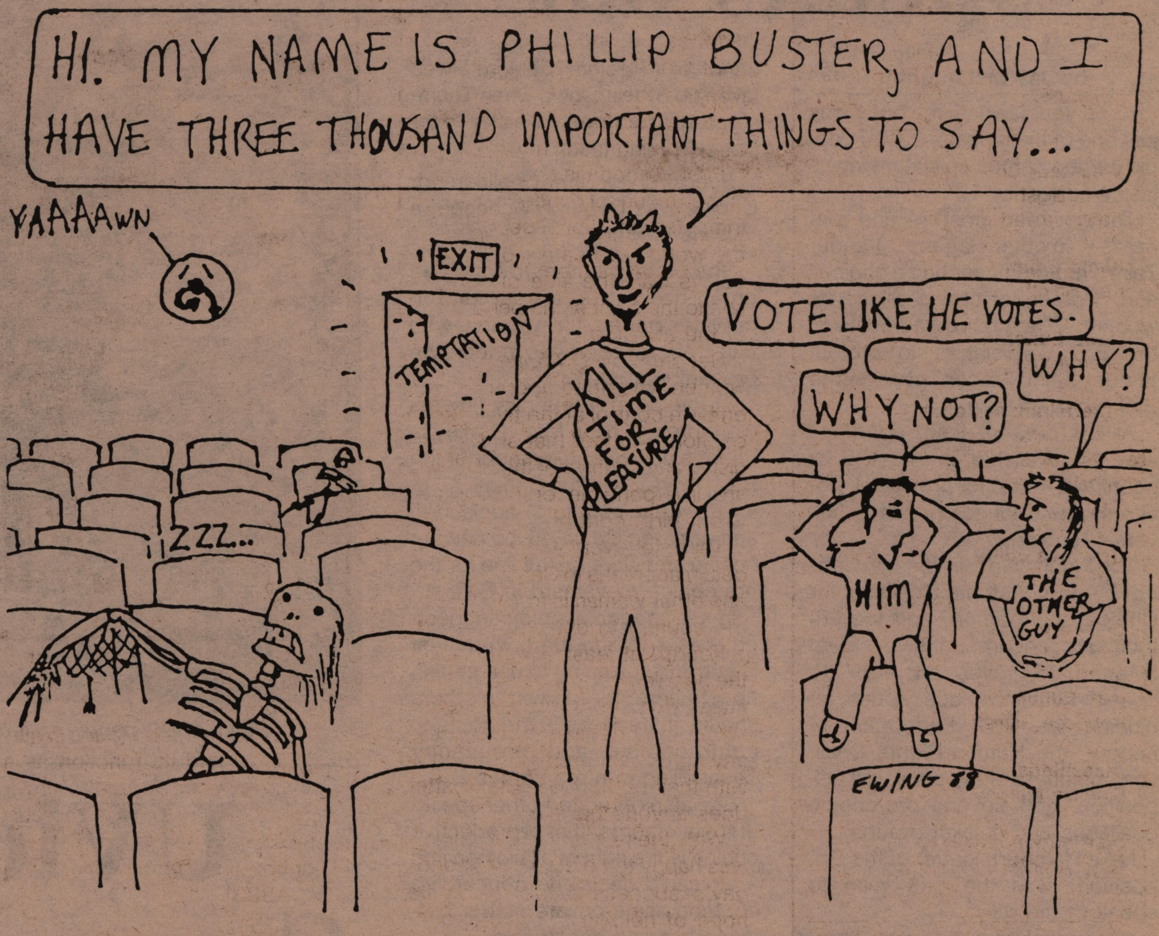
The A.G.M.: The Continuing Story of a Society that's Gone to the Dogs.



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Apologize or be stoned!

Editors:

This week I picked up your prestigious publication and was shocked.

Not by the continuing saga of the former editors (I believe I heard David Foster has purchased the rights to the story and is producing a new concept video in 43 and a half parts), not by the continuing trials and tribulations of the Alma Mater Society (the rumours making the mongering circuits are much more interesting).

What I was so shocked by was the blasphemous desecration of the fabulously humourous "Intellecktool Klub". Why does the sinner that produced "Scribbles" not reveal him/herself? A good stoning would put this person right.

Should this evil one wish to right their wrong, all I demand is a recanting of the heresy in this publication and personal apology sent to Eric Damer.

B. Schulmann

No more innocent victims

Editors:

The crimes of rape and incest are unquestionably horrible scourges. Direct and severe laws, and also a strong effort to heighten our society's moral standards, are necessary to block their diffusion.

The psychological repercussions on the victims are always grave and lasting. On occasion, the burden of an unwanted pregnancy imposes a further toll.

Society must give its greatest respect, compassion and tangible help to women facing this most trying ordeal. Government funds should be spent generously to alleviate their plight.

Many loud voices defend the access to free abortion as one of the means of helping the victims. The noise they make is formidable indeed.

But anyone who views abortion on demand as ethically wrong must not be hesitant to recognize the circumstances of conception do not alter the basic argument. Rape and incest already cause one innocent victim; adding another only makes the abomination worse.

Roberto Racca

An emotional issue

Editors:

Abortion is an intensely emotional issue no matter which side of the fence one is on. As long as there is merely a venting of emotion and a suppression of facts, however, "pro-choice" can only continue to mean, "anti-informed choice."

On Feb. 15 a colleague and I legally posted information at the university regarding the development of the fetus and the procedures of abortion. By Feb. 16, 90% of the information had been torn down. Surely "pro-choicers" betray themselves.

A year ago NDP MLA, Lois Boone said "The decision by a woman to have an abortion . . . should be a decision that she makes without interference from society. Information . . . should not be forced on this woman". (*Times-Colonist*, March 25, 1987). Behind the double talk this simply says, "If a woman's mind is made up do not confuse her with the facts." Is this the kind of choice being offered to women? Uninformed choice is no choice at all.

The facts are also being suppressed concerning women's rights. Webster's defines "woman" as, "The female of the human race." The Status of Women Action Group ignores the fact that 50% of the babies being aborted are women. What about equal rights for them? What about control over *their* own bodies? SWAG's plea for freedom for all women is a shallow cover-up for the power of one group of women (namely the strong and the vocal) over another — the weak and the silent.

Tom Williams

Rallies send strong message

Editors:

Last Wednesday's rally on the Legislature lawns sent a strong

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Quote of the Week:
"Man has his will — but woman has her way!"
— Oliver Wendell Holmes
1809 - 1894

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message to the Vander Zalm government: women in British Columbia want access to safe, inexpensive abortions. The abortion issue is emotional and complicated, but during an interview I did with Dr. Mary Connelly, a physician here in Victoria, I learned some surprising and sobering facts; here are a few:

First, Canada is second to India in the amount of dangerous second trimester abortions performed in the world — because of overlong delays from the time of consultation to the point of the performance of the abortion.

Second, over 75 per cent of women who need abortions were on birth control at the time of conception — a fact that should help dispel any myths that these women are irresponsible or uneducated about birth control.

Third, for every five women who obtain abortions in Canada, at least one other woman is forced to leave the country to obtain one.

Fourth, at least 80 per cent of the people who are anti-choice, are male Roman Catholics, which raises the question: do men have any right to tell women what to do with their bodies? For that matter, does anyone have that right?

With these thoughts in mind, I was happy to be a part of Wednesday's successful rally — in the hope of helping to bring about a democratic law regarding abortion in this province.

Susanne Klausen

Good rules

Editors:

Referring to the letter written by Blair Tothhill and Chris Cairns (*Martlet*, Feb. 25), I agree one of the purposes of the Canadian Charter is to guarantee fairness and equality. However, I strongly disagree the phrase "supremacy of God" should be removed from the Charter.

God in the Judeo-Christian sense is the creator of all things. He is just and merciful. He is almighty, therefore, he can guarantee the rights and freedoms of mankind.

Absolute power corrupts absolutely. Therefore, "supremacy of God" symbolizes the limitation of state power and state can not use its arbitrary power to infringe human rights and freedoms.

Finally, without God, there is no absolute surety of right and wrong. Without God, truth is relative. What is fair and equal in one day can become unfair and unequal in the next day. Therefore, "supremacy of God" should be part of the Canadian Constitution.

Acclamation

Editors:

On Thursday, Feb. 4, the executive positions on the Economics Students Course Union for next year were elected by acclamation at a sparsely attended general meeting. Names and elected positions are as follows: president, Robert McConnachie; vice president, Ken Baynes; treasurer, Adam Erikson and secretary, Craig Watson.

These people will be responsible for expanding ESCU executive membership in the fall, as well as electing an undergraduate student representative to voice any relevant student concerns at Economics Department Meetings.

If you have any questions regarding ESCU and its function as a course union, see any of the above people or contact any of the current executive (or drop off a note in our box in the Economics Office COR A323).

Kane Kilbez

April is cancer month

Editors:

April is Cancer Month and it is also the 50th Anniversary of the Canadian Cancer Society. I am sure you can appreciate the challenge of making a fund raising campaign a success. That challenge can only be met with the help of volunteers.

The Canadian Cancer Society would appreciate your assistance in recruiting help by running this Public Service Announcement. We hope it will attract volunteers and ultimately help the Society to fund research and support programs for cancer patients and their families.

Thank you for your support of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Pat Colbert
Campaign Chairperson

Gwen goes back to astral plane

Editors:

Re: Editors' Note (letters page, Feb. 25).

I rest my case . . . But so long as the *Martlet* insists on reopening its self-inflicted wounds, I'll be only too happy to rub salt in them.

As for the "sections" (actually I could only find one nine-word passage missing) of "potentially libellous content" excised from my epistolary exhumation of the two-two-two-editors-in-one question of years past, it's "cert"ainly reassuring to know someone at the *Martlet* is screening copy for at least the potential of exposing innocent people named therein to "hatred, ridicule or contempt in the minds of right-thinking members of society." We can all rest easier, or can we? Isn't it potentially libellous to accuse me of making potentially libellous statements? Since one cheap shot deserves another, I guess we're now just about even.

Anyway, I must be getting back to the asylum (political, that is) — my guru, Swami Ramalamadingdong, says the Astral Plane is having a seat sale. I'll be sure to drop you a postcard from the Temple of Situational Ethics. In the meantime, say "hi" to Nora and Corinne, wherever they may be.

Gwen Barnes

See page 16 for *Viewpoint* on the wolf kill in B.C. — perpetual violence against wolves.

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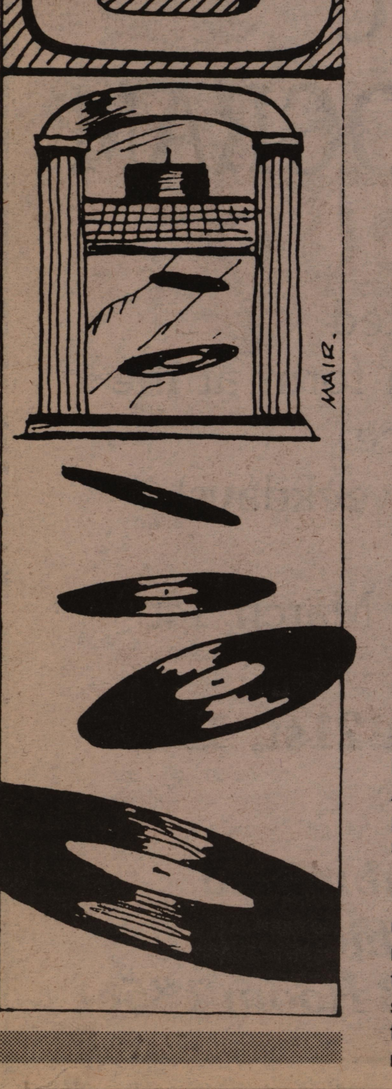

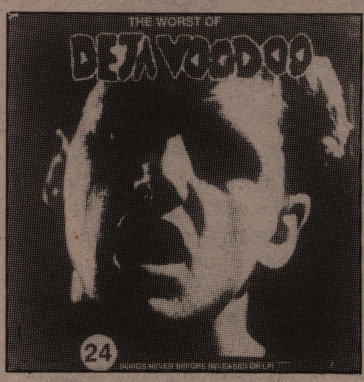

Deja Voodoo
The Worst of Deja Voodoo
(Og Music)

by Raymond Frogner

If you're searching for a solution to your mid-term torpor, and beginning to suspect propaganda when your prof smiles and says, "no one has ever actually died from lack of sleep, don't worry."

Rather than pick up a violin and play Nero while Rome — and your GPA — burns, Deja Voodoo has a suggestion: take a full strength dose of sludgeabilly.

Not just any collection of dare I say, songs, but the *Worst of Deja Voodoo*. "Twenty-four real gone chunks o'sludge."

There are so many way-rockin' cuts on this album one doesn't know where to begin. So let's start in the middle.

"Bullfrog" typifies the style of the demented duo: a single electric guitar that's fuzzy as a peach, and a single snare-drum. No cymbals, please.

For lyrics, Tony Dewald and Gerard Van Herk reach into that great grab-bag of North American pop culture to come up with lines from anything from Batman and Robin to the *National Enquirer*.

If you think this sounds like plagarism, you're right. As it says on the album cover "these cats steal, dad." Van Herk has a curious singing style that sounds as if he's hyperventilating. This is especially effective when the songs have no words. Such is the case with "Duh Papa Duh"; thirty seconds of grunting babble and thrashing guitar.

Returing to "Bullfrog" on this track, one hears the complete Voodoo package. This is a "touching" song about bullfrog pride. "I ain't no damn tadpole, "cause I'm a bullfrog." sings Van Herk. "What's next," one wonders, bullfrog self-determination? Provocation lyrics, indeed. This group has the candour to ask why should one fight for democracy in a foreign land when there are oppressed bullfrogs at home?

The demure attitude of the voodoo-guys singing "Bullfrog" reminds one of other pop culture satirists like the B-52's and David Byrne (the man who read verbatim the transcripts of a TV game show for a poetry reading in his art school).

Specifically, I'm reminded of the immortal line from David Byrne's *Animals*: "Animals think they're pretty smart/Shit on the ground and see in the dark."

To say that *The Worst of Deja Voodoo* is dance music is understatement. But this is dance music for people with two left feet, for people who struggle when stepping on to escalators because they can't catch the rhythm of the rising steps.

Deja Voodoo is a ton o' fun, and part of that fun comes from their self-effacing approach to music. It's as if they're saying "we can't play, we can't sing, so let's dance." Another source for their fun is the previously mentioned pop culture. Let's face it, you want to laugh when "sneezing increases bust size" is the headline of the *Star Weekly*. The Voodoo-guys know this in spades. Perhaps, like the Dadaists of the 1910s, garage bands should put out a manifesto — a doctrine for the uses and abuses of mass culture.

Finally, it's the campy, tongue-in-cheek approach in songs like "Monsters in My Garage" and "Surfing on Mars" that makes these guys so loveable. In a world of Dead Kennedys and Madonnas it's reassuring to know there are bands like Deja Voodoo.

Punks looks down on you with their sanctimonious social moralizing, and pop looks up to you — doing whatever it can to suit your tastes and make a fast buck; but a garage band will look you straight in the eye.☐

Robbie Robertson
Robbie Robertson
(Geffen)

by Raymond Frogner and Claudette Cloutier

Old rockers never die, they just find a new trend to latch on to. How else does one describe the fact Robbie Robertson has managed to acquire the services of U2 and Peter Gabriel to cut his self-titled new album.

It's not just that Robertson has enlisted the assistance of two — dare we say — *au courant* pop icons in Gabriel and Bono, but in addition, the release of the album was conveniently held until the end of U2's most recent North American tour.

Robertson, formerly of The Band, is attempting to stage a comeback after a bout with drugs and alcohol and an aborted film career. But since he played in Bob Dylan's back-up band in the mid-sixties, the times they've been a-changin'.

Robertson doesn't write such folky classics as "The Weight" and "The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down" but he hasn't lost his touch for turning a good line. Robertson now has slick production, slick packaging and slick hair (greasy hair does not a good album make).

The songs and sounds of the album are expertly crafted.

Since Robertson is an old pro in the business and has had a chance to sit back and observe what's happening today, he knew just exactly who to ask to produce and play on this album.

Some big production names include Canadians Daniel Lanois and Bob Clearmountain, as well as Jimmy Iovine.

Two singles have been released on FM in the last month. "Show Down At Big Sky", the first with the BoDeans on back-up (remember they opened for the mega-band recently), is Robertson's tribute to his Mohawk roots if the song can be looked at as a positive statement: "Soldier of fortune/ He's a man of war/ Just can't remember/ What he's fighting for . . .", and "Show down at big sky/ Darkness at noon/ Kiss tomorrow goodbye/ That day could be soon . . .". It's bittersweet at best.

The second release capitalizes on U2's fame. "Sweet Fire of Love" should have been credited as Robertson playing on a U2 song, since they dominate it so much.

The song is a good one; you *can* hear Robertson squeak under Bono's roaring refrain, "Didn't we . . . ." Nah, it's not that bad, he can't help it if Bono's voice, Edge's guitar, Junior's drums and Clayton's bass are all so distinctive. However, on the second song they play, "Testimony," U2 manages to fade into the background a bit more, underneath a horn section and a few additional players.

The best song on the album is "Somewhere Down the Crazy River."

Here, Robertson uses both his speaking and singing voice to combine for a dramatic contrast to the texture of the American Southern-style song. His writing abilities and his craggy voice are enough to make your hearing studder. "Yea, I can see it now/ The distant red neon shivered in the heat . . .", is one small example of the graphic imagery he uses.

Over top of it all, there is a lazy beat carried by newcomer Manu Katche and a bluesy guitar swells into the music every once and a while, courtesy of a Bill Dillon.

On the whole, this two-year effort can be regarded as a strong comeback. As Robertson has said, he has "felt the fever" again after a 12 year hiatus from songwriting. His music is very mainstream rock, and the album is a definite gem. Regarding his collaborators, the important thing to remember is that it all works, both musically and, probably, financially.

THE GRUESOMES

The Gruesomes
Gruesomania
Og

by Leslie Davis

Gruesomania is sweeping the nation — or at least it should be! This Canadian garage band goes back to the basics of raw, primitive, rip-roaring, no-synthesizers-within-twenty-miles rock 'n' roll.

Hailing from Montreal, The Gruesomes released their first album *Tyrants of Teen Trash* (a fearsome offering in its own right) in 1986. With *Gruesomania*, teenage-infested households will never be the same — "Slap on the platter, kick out mom and dad, and crank it up!"

Although the band appears to be aiming for a teen audience, it will appeal to anyone who is into the raw energy of such classic artists as the Yardbirds, Them, and John Mayall. Production lends to the primitive studio sound; even the packaging of this "way-out collection" has the "Fearsome Foursome" in a time warp (via The Zombies).

Nonetheless, the Gruesomes have created an album just as unique and fresh as those who preceded them over twenty years before — all but three of the fourteen cuts are "gruesongs." The covers are classically interpreted gruesome-style. Yet their own compositions stand out as original and coarse as anyone could hope for.

"Way Down Below" kickstarts the album into an introductory frenzy, and the energy doesn't let up. The guitars on "I'm Glad For You" are obviously inspired by the Kinks' Dave Davies, and "Whirlpool" is a great dip into surf music. The ode to love-gone-wrong, "Buzz Off," is a harp-wailin' example of the note-crushing rhythm and blues that underscores the whole album. And while every song is prime for dancing, it is "Ain't Got Nothing" that shines with its chaotic rhythmic change-ups.

As musicians, The Gruesomes pound out steady drum backbeats and solid bass rhythms and counter-rhythms. Guitars run rampant throughout, invoking images of The Ventures, Reverbs and Rickenbackers. As for vocals, Bobby Beaton dominates most of the cuts with a voice as raunchy and aggressive as the music itself.

Lyrically, *The Gruesomes* say it all — from fatalistic prophecy ("Time's gonna come/For you") and boredom ("I work, I eat, I sleep") to intellectual conversation ("I said yeah, yeah, yeah, . . .").

From cover to grooves, The Gruesomes consciously portray a style that is a definite throw-back to the early 60's British scene that was, inevitably, so vital to music then and now.

This is an album for anyone who needs a shot of rock 'n' roll R&B at its skeletal best. The only way to top this album is to experience Gruesomania first hand.

NEXT WEEK

☐ Jazz Culture in Tea Town

Julius Caesar kicks the bucket — again

by Claudette Cloutier

The plays of England's immortal bard continue to hold sway over the modern imagination in ways which are at times more easily felt than articulated. The Odeon theatre is host to yet another annual Shakespearean film festival and the response is as healthy as ever.

The films portray plays written almost 400 years ago and are themselves becoming senior citizens in the history of film. This is the sixth in a series of articles which explore some of the reasons for the continuing fascination.

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"Friends, Romans, countrymen, lend me your ears . . .!" cried a young Marlon Brando as Marcus Antonius in 1953. Yes, Brando did Shakespeare . . . just imagine that.

Hollywood, USA did an "honorable" job of bringing Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* to film. Surprisingly enough, the half-faithful version to the classical script failed to capture the essence of the turmoil, despite the film-making innovations used to craft the film.

The costuming, scenery, and casting smoothed over the script and distracted the viewer from the complicated web of deceit and conspiracy so deftly drawn by Shakespeare.

Watching Cassius (John Gielgud), Marcus Brutus (James Mason) and other conspirators assassinate the eminent egoist Julius Caesar (Greer Garson) did not seem to be such a tragedy. The anti-climax of the play must have been done properly.

However, after that pivotal scene the film blundered on in its own confusion.

Writing editor and director Joseph L. Mankiewicz rewrote the ending and made the story less of a tragedy by removing the theme of self-defeat. The rebel co-leader Cassius did the noble thing and killed himself as his army was defeated. The fact that he was misinformed was edited out along with a few other crucial battle scenes.

The black and white film, under the direction of John Houseman, was considered worthy of Academy Award nomination; alas, poor William did not receive an Oscar for the production. The movie had its moments, such as Antonius' (Brando) address to the fickle Roman throng from the Capitol which showed his own scheming nature, and the battle scenes in the artificial Italian countryside with the fall-down-go-boom stunt horses, but in between the movie did not gel. The occasionally choppy editing did not help either, as the yawning sparse audience seemed evidence that the movie lacked lustre and riveting performances. ☐

THE ADASKIN YEARS

Festival plays on

by Kirsten Yri

"The Adaskin Years: A festival of Canadian Arts," was host to a fine performance on Feb. 21 by pianists Jocelyn Abbott and Richard Mapp. The concert featured 20th century piano duos and duets, some of which were amazingly difficult.

The works of Canadian composers Jacques Hetu, Jean Papineau-Couture, Ann Southam, and Murray Adaskin, were performed, as well as works of influential European composers written during the 40 year time span the festival is celebrating.

Attending this concert was a splendid way to get acquainted with what was happening in music between the years 1930 - 1970.

The concert began appropriately with Britten's *Introduction and Rondo alle Burlesca*, a contemplative opening which slowly transformed into a dance-like rondo.

Next were seven lively and rhythmically complex pieces by Bartok, followed by two sets of "easy" pieces by Stravinsky, which seems to satirize dance pieces from other genres. The intermission was preceeded by a virtuosic, full sounding work by Hetu.

Beginning the second half of the concert was an unexpected work by Murray Adaskin, the celebrated composer featured in this festival.

The highlight of the second half was Milhaud's *Scaramouche*, during which the audience couldn't hold back their applause after only the first movement. The work is filled with glissandi, octave scales, and big chordal passages, all of which the ensemble played with complete confidence and facility.

Richard Mapp, and Jocelyn Abbott (previously a student of UVic's Robin Wood) live in England and perform internationally throughout the music world. ☐

Interpreting the Adaskin generation

by Glennis McGregor

The Adaskin Festival continues to offer a remarkable opportunity to absorb a neglected genre of art: Canadian music of the 20th century. The Faculty Chamber Recital on Friday, Feb. 26, was a rare glimpse into Murray Adaskin's personal world of music.

BrassWest gave a stunning executing of Adaskin's *Music for Brass Quintet*. The horn's pure tone and the trombone's delicate muting in the high register was distractingly beautiful.

The lush harmonies of Jean Couthard's *Music on a Scottish Folk Tune* were equally beautiful — and equally distracting to uneasy folk art enthusiasts. Any folk-style rusticity of the original tune was shrouded with sweet elegance.

The world premier of *Sonata No. 2 for Violin and Piano* by Murray Adaskin was a raucous relief to the oversweetened. It was forceful and unabashedly virtuosic.

The first half ended with three song cycles composed by contemporaries of Adaskin. They were originally written for and premiered by Francis James, Murray Adaskin's wife, in the 1940s.

The second half of the program was refreshingly diverse. Sandwiched between two frisky pieces by the European masters Milhaud and Stravinsky, were Adaskin's bleak *Autumn Song, Night Rain*, and a mellow avant garde work by Anthony Genge.

These works represent three compositional generations. Stravinsky and Milhaud's neoclassic revolution during Adaskin's student years made a powerful impact on his style.

The future styles of younger composers such as Genge, will inevitably be influenced, however remotely, by the Adaskin generation.

The next opportunity to catch some Canadian heritage is Friday, Mar. 4 at 8 p.m. The UVic Little Orchestra will host A Gala Tribute to Francis James and Murray Adaskin in the University Centre Auditorium. ☐

The Fisherman's Revenge was Phoenix Theatre's offering for February. Shown are (L to R) Bob Lal and Paul Terry. The next show is *The Final Farce* a play by Barry Yzereef — onstage from Mar. 8 to 11. Both plays are part of UVic's continuing Celebration of Canadian Arts. Don't miss it!

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STRESS

by Wayne Melvin

Forget exams. Forget money. Forget about all the other stresses except one — relationships.

According to Bob Willihnganz, director of counselling services at the University of Victoria, relationships are by far the greatest source of stress among the student population.

"Exams don't make that much of a difference. By the time most students reach university they've learned to study, but they have relatively little experience forming and maintaining relationships. Most of the time the problem is that relationships are not meeting one's expectations," he said.

Although personal relationships are the number one stress problem psychologists deal with at counselling services, it is not the only one.

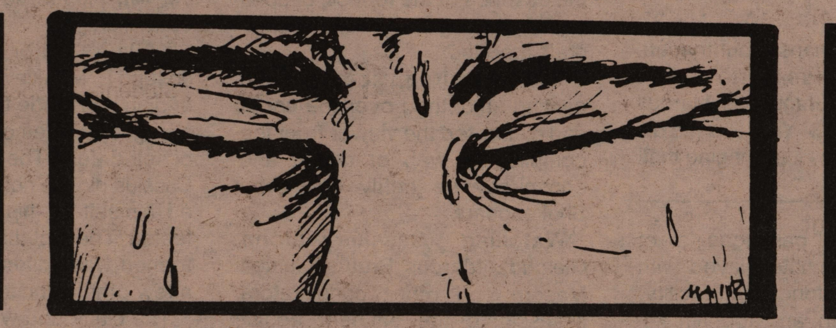
"Stress is an individual thing," Willihnganz emphasizes. "What one person finds stressful another person may find enjoyable. We try and get the student to be specific because much of the time there is anxiety over problems which don't really exist."

Willinhganz said, "it is important to define a problem in order to solve it." He cites the stress at exam time as a result of a lack of skills in taking notes, a time management problem, or when the student is enrolled in a course of study when another area holds more interest.

Counselling services offers a variety of individual and group counselling programs to assist the student coping with stress. Whether the problem is related to relationships, eating patterns, depression, writing essays or selecting a major, chances are they'll be able to help, or refer the student to someone who can.

Stress management services at UVic are interconnected to ensure those seeking assistance receive the type of attention best suited to their needs.

"Over 50 per cent of all physical ailments are stress related," claims Dr. Peterson of Health Services. "Headaches, sleep disorders, loss of energy, loss of appetite — or increased appetite, and a myriad of other physical symptoms, may all be signs of stress," he said. And there is often an emotional or behavioral component to the disorder.



Peterson said to fully understand stress, its symptoms, and treatment, it is necessary to know what stress is. As he explains, stress is not necessarily a bad thing. It is simply the body's "fight or flight" response to stimuli.

Much of what is known about the physiological effects of stress can be attributed to the late Dr. Hans Selye of McGill University. According to Selye's theory, the fight or flight response is the body's natural way of protecting itself from danger.

This means when someone is subjected to a stressful situation the nervous system automatically reacts by either running away or fighting back.

Without the fight or flight response a person hiking in the back country would soon become a character in a 'Far Side' cartoon — fast food for grizzlies.

In some situations the fight or flight response may be inappropriate or harmful. In a creative writing workshop for example, a hapless student has what could be the next Nobel Prize winning novel zealously trashed by the professor and fellow students. The response may be "to punch out" the literary critics or to run out of the room in rage or humiliation. But neither fisticuffs nor running away is considered appropriate behavior for a university student.

The would-be Jane Austen in this situation undergoes the same physiological changes as the person being attacked by a Grizzly bear. The heart pounds, muscles tense, adrenalin is pumped through the blood stream, but instead of helping, these powerful metabolic changes may result in ulcers, skin rashes, a heart attack, or that all-time favorite stress disorder of many writers — and one in 10 Canadians — alcoholism.

Peterson prefers to use the word distress, as defined by Selye, to more precisely describe the negative aspects of the "stress syndrome" to distinguish them from the helpful kinds of stress. Peterson said most people continue to use the word stress to describe both the cause and the effect of the syndrome on their lives.

"Students come to us with a wide range of stress related problems," Peterson said. "We don't generally use long-term medications, but we may prescribe short-term medication to a patient who needs something to see them through exam time."

"We check for any underlying illness which might require medical treatment, then we recommend an appropriate treatment program suited to the individual patient. Some students are referred to counselling services, others to a psychiatrist, while still others may benefit from taking a stress management workshop, learning relaxation skills, exercising, having a massage, or taking a long soak in the hot tub at the Oak Bay Rec Center."

Jennifer Simmons, program co-ordinator for the alcohol and drug pro-

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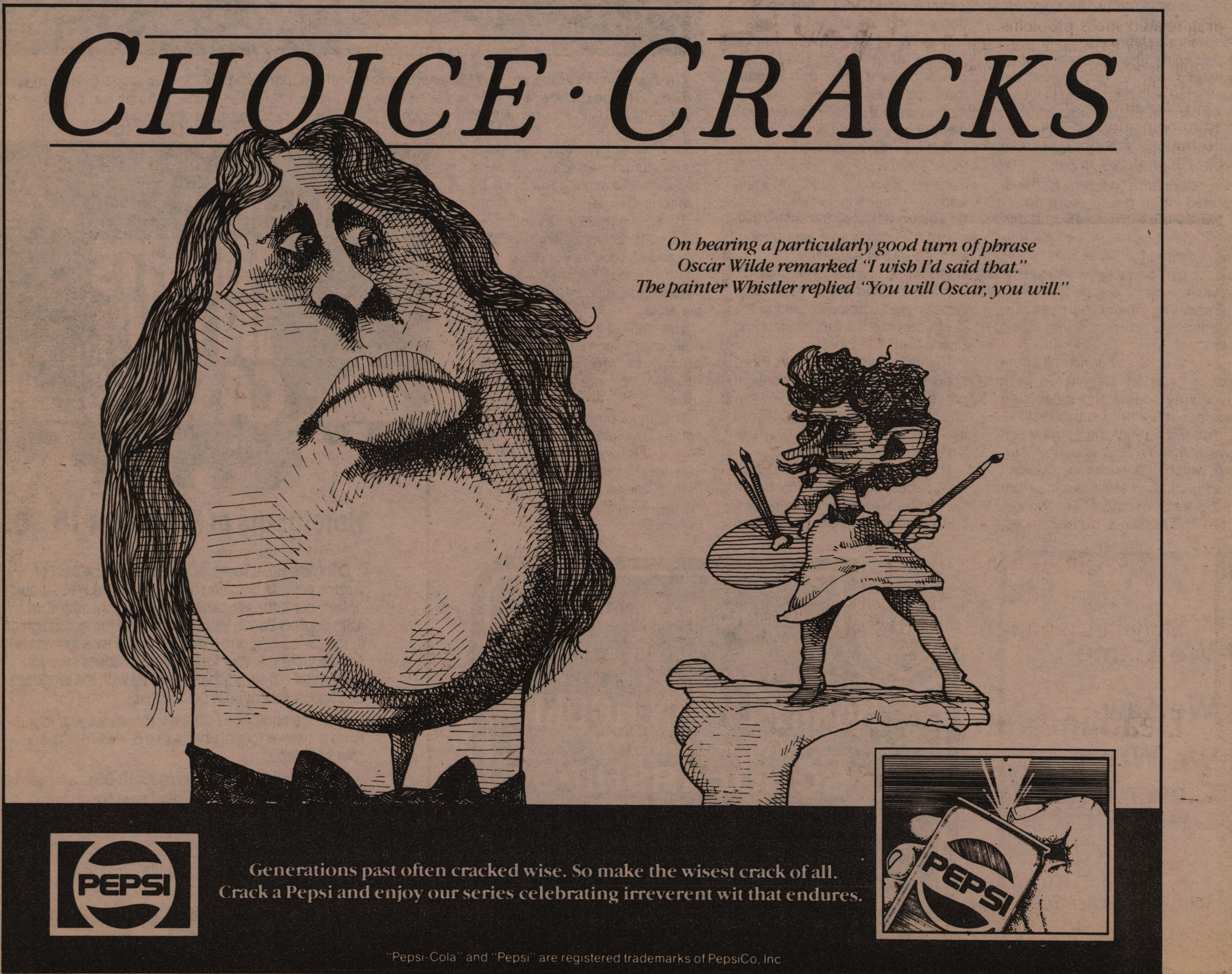
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grams, said substance abuse often contributes to a student's problem in coping with stress. Cocaine and marijuana are serious problems, but her major concern is with the abuse of alcohol.

"Alcohol is by far the largest problem drug. Difficulties with relationships, exams and finances are all compounded by drinking. It frequently triggers emotional problems. Our message is one of prevention and part of this is getting students to recognize the signs of substance abuse," said Simmons.

"Whenever the use of a drug is interfering with someone's social, emotional, or physical well-being — then it's being abused. If someone thinks they, or someone they know, has a problem they should seek out professional advice. Help is available," she added.

Russ Godfrey, information officer for alcohol and drug programs with B.C.'s Ministry of Health, provides help to students who have questions about alcohol and other drugs. He agrees with Simmons' assessment that alcohol is the number one drug problem not only at UVic but in Canadian society.

"Alcohol when used in moderation does relieve stress," said Godfrey. "However it quickly becomes a stressor. Alcohol is a toxin — a poison. The symptoms of someone on alcohol resemble some kinds of insanity. It is both harmful and addictive. If alcohol was invented today it wouldn't be allowed on the market."

Godfrey points out there are many programs available either through the university or the Ministry of Health to assist students with alcohol and other drug-related stress problems.

"The biggest obstacle to treatment is people denying they, or someone they care for has a problem."

Another link in the system established to help students deal with anxiety, frustration, tension, fear or loneliness is the Chaplain's Office.

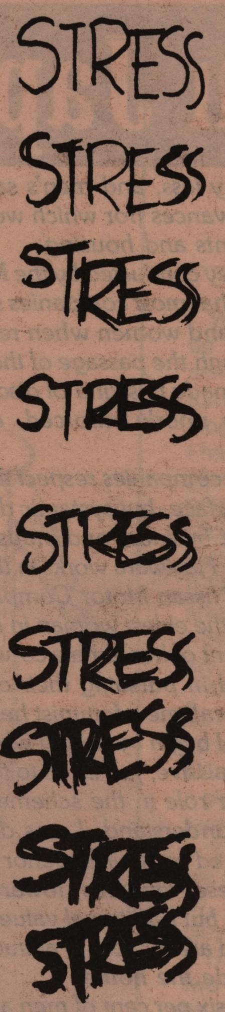
According to Clare Holmes, a United Church minister who works out of the Chaplain's office located next door to Counselling Services in the University Centre, many students with a variety of problems drop in to pay him a visit.

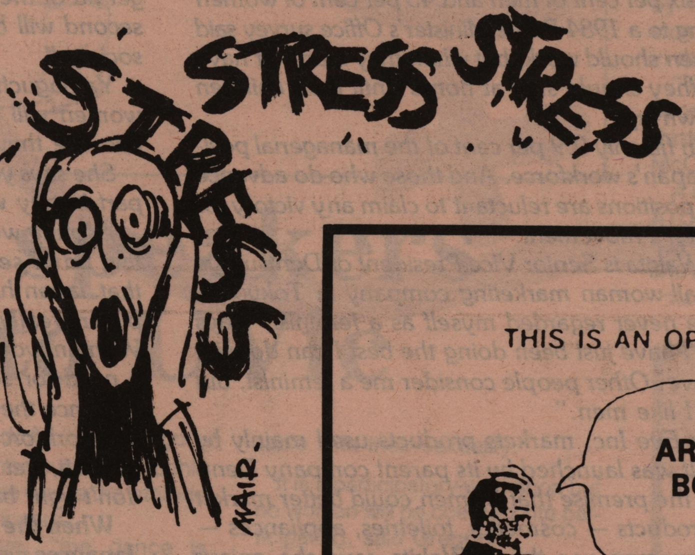
"The way we see it here, is that students need a wider perspective in order to manage stress. We encourage people to take time to think of life's basic issues, what is purposeful, what is worth living or dying for," he said.

The Chaplain's Office offers an informal setting where anyone can come in and chat about any of life's great or not so great issues, events or ideas. The office operates on a co-operative basis with representatives of Catholic, Lutheran, Pentecostal, Christian Science and United Church representatives in attendance. There is a close liaison with Jewish, Moslem and Buddhist organizations.

"University is a time when important life decisions are being made all the time," says Holmes. "We try and include a faith component in the decision-making process, then try and help the student put the whole thing together."

"The truly important consideration for students, or anybody else for that matter, is not how to avoid stress, or even how to best deal with it, but rather: What in life is worth being stressed about?" said Holmes.





Are forests our future?

by Tom Rimmer

It was billed as the event of the semester — a promised donnybrook of a debate.

Three hundred people crammed into MacLaurin 144 to watch the climax of the "Our Forests — Our Future" seminar series sponsored by the UVic Environmental Studies Students' Association. The meeting was chaired by reporter Jim Hume. He began with a seven minute "policy statement" from each speaker.

Jack Kempf, independent MLA and former forest minister, started things off with an animated critique of Social Credit forest policy. With much gesturing and arm waving he spoke out against the corporate domination of B.C.'s forests. He called for a process which would "give the little guy a kick at the can".

Next up was Jim Baxter, representing the Green Party, who stated that B.C.'s forests should be locally controlled and managed on a basis of bio-regions. He sees a need for forest practices to be conducted in a sustainable, ecologically sensitive manner. He noted that Green forest policy is in line with the recommendations of the 1987 Bruntland Commission Report.

Dan Miller, NDP forestry critic, spoke of the need for greater government control of the forest resource and a fair economic return from tenure holders. He also called for a permanent standing committee to advise government on land use conflicts.

Dave Parker, Minister of Forests, was the final speaker. He said that his government is "striving for productive managed forests" but did not elaborate on how this would come about.

After opening statements, the speakers were asked to answer questions that had been previously prepared by the debate organizers. The questions addressed such issues as forest practices, accountability, native lands, wood waste and raw log exports.

Organizers had hoped the questions would encourage the participants to clearly define their respective positions. As it turned out, there was remarkably little disagreement among three of the four speakers.

The only glimpses of the predicted "donnybrook" came as Kempf lectured Parker on the evils of wood waste and corporate domination.☐

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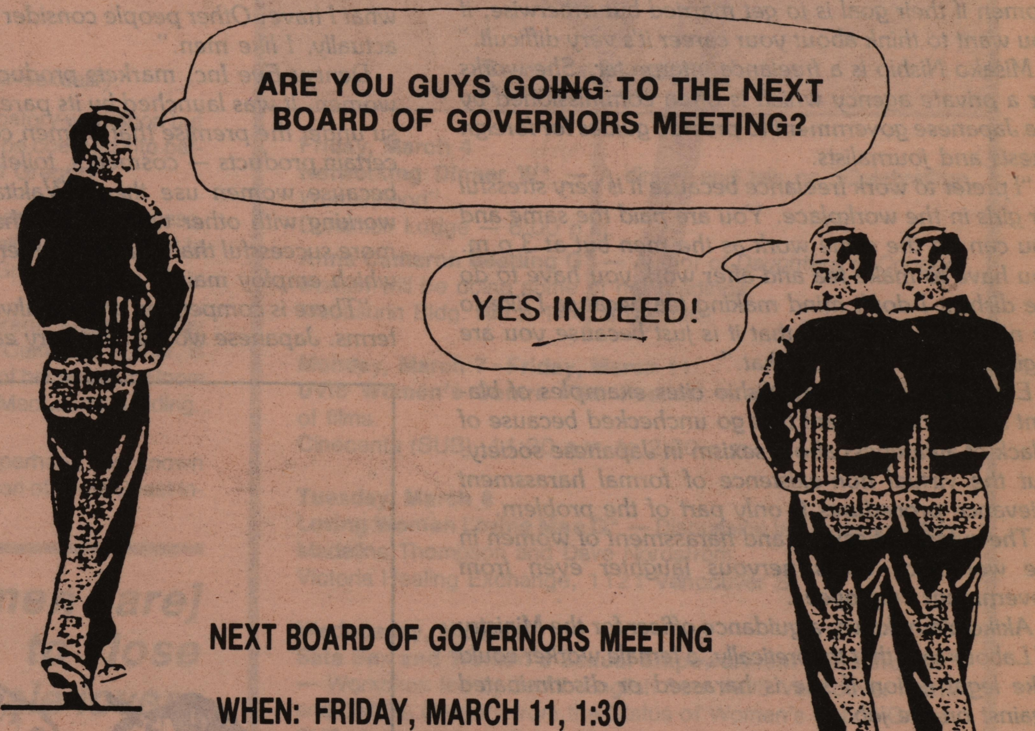
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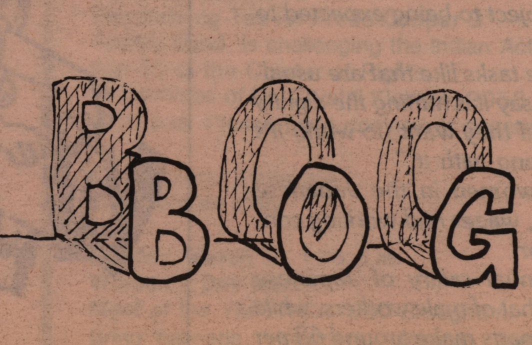


Discrimination in Japan is 3,000 years old

by Michelle Lalonde (CUP)

Two Japanese government officials sit in a very expensive restaurant in downtown Tokyo discussing Japanese customs with a foreign woman. They insist that women have real power in Japanese society: their wives have free reign in the home — they have absolute freedom to raise the children and spend their husbands' pay cheques as they wish.

Throughout the meal, two Japanese waitresses, in traditional costume, move silently in and out bringing the ornate boxes of sushi, bowls of soup, cups of hot sake. Between courses, the women kneel on the tatami, one between the two Japanese men, the other beside the foreign woman. They lean close and watch the faces of the guests, in case they should make any gesture in want of something. The guests, politely, ignore them.

While the Canadian woman blithely claim that the age of equality has arrived and feminism is passe, Japanese women live an anomaly. They operate in a society more advanced than any in the western world in every aspect but one: women's rights.

A first-hand look at the status of women in Japan is a slap in the face to a North American woman. One is forced to recognize not only where we would be without the women's movement, but also how deeply entrenched sexist attitudes can be, and how far we still have to go.

"I know that Japan has been a man's world for 3,000 years but it is very hard to be a woman here. It is hard for women to get good jobs. This country is okay for women if their goal is to get married but otherwise, if you want to think about your career it's very difficult."

Misako Nishio is a freelance interpreter. She works for a private agency which is often commissioned by the Japanese government to provide guides for foreign guests and journalists.

"I prefer to work freelance because it is very stressful for girls in the workplace. You are paid the same and you can do the same work as the men but at 3 p.m. you have to make tea and after work you have to do the dishes. I don't mind making tea because I like to be nice but I don't like that it is just because you are a girl that you must do that."

Even as a freelancer, Nishio cites examples of blatant sexual harassment that go unchecked because of a lack of awareness about sexism in Japanese society. But the virtual non-existence of formal harassment grievance procedures is only part of the problem.

The subject of sexism and harassment of women in the workplace elicits nervous laughter even from government employees.

Akiko Yamakawa, a guidance officer for the Ministry of Labour says that theoretically, a female worker could take legal action if she is harassed or discriminated against on the job.

"Legally, she could do it (sue), but Japanese women are more likely to leave the job. They don't put up a fight. We are not a litigious society and according to Japanese social behaviour you are better advised to retire — leaving for that reason is quite legitimate," says Yamakawa.

She hears very little about severe sexual harassment, but she says many women object to being expected to serve their male co-workers.

"Serving tea and other little tasks like that are usually expected of women. Some say it is hurting the dignity of the women but others say if they want (to work) it's not such a sacrifice to go along with it."

And though numbers of women in the Japanese workforce are ever increasing, wages and working conditions are still relatively poor.

In 1984, the average annual salary of Japanese women was 51.8 per cent of that of male workers, while their North American counterparts make around 68 per cent of men's salaries.

Women are usually employed in smaller companies which pay less, and men's salaries are supplemented with allowances (for which women are not eligible) for dependents and housing.

A survey conducted by the Ministry of Labour in 1984 showed that most companies set different requirements for men and women when recruiting new employees. And though the passage of the Equal Opportunity Law in 1985 made this kind of discrimination illegal, the law has been poorly enforced, especially in small companies.

Larger companies respect the anti-discrimination law on the surface, but systemic discrimination still plagues Japanese business and industry.

Hisayo Hagiwara works in the public relations department of Nissan Motor Company Ltd. She is 29 years old, and the eldest woman in her department. She says 80 per cent of her female co-workers are single and not interested in pursuing their careers after marriage.

"They call me a feminist here because when we start a project I begin by asking why. The other workers are very submissive, just listen to the boss and try to understand their role in the scheme. I can't just be docile. I have to understand. I was once told that a manager complained to their superior about me.

Japanese attitudes toward working women are changing but traditional values are still holding women back, and are evident in attitudes toward women working outside the home.

Thirty-six per cent of men and 45 per cent of women responding to a 1984 Prime Minister's Office survey said that women should work, but when they marry or have children they should stay at home until their children have grown up.

Women fill only 0.9 per cent of the managerial positions in Japan's workforce. And those who do advance to senior positions are reluctant to claim any victory for the women's movement.

Naoe Wakita is Senior Vice President of Dentsu Eye Inc., an all-woman marketing company in Tokyo.

"I have never regarded myself as a feminist," says Wakita. "I have just been doing the best I can do with what I have. Other people consider me a feminist, but actually, I like men."

Dentsu Eye Inc. markets products used mainly by women. It was launched by its parent company Dentsu under the premise that women could better market certain products — cosmetics, toiletries, appliances — because women use them. Wakita says she enjoys working with other women and that her company is more successful than Dentsu's other marketing outfits, which employ mainly men.

"There is competition and we always beat the men's terms. Japanese women are very eager to work. Men are usually more satisfied with the status quo," she says.

In a society where motherhood and family are sacrosanct, where local women are ignored and foreign women revered, where the women speak in a different and humbler dialect than the men, the feminist movement is alive and growing.

The women's movement in Japan was spear-headed almost single-handedly by Fusae Ichikawa, a feminist and one of the most popular politicians in the history of Japan.

Fusae lobbied for the right to vote for Japanese women, which they won in 1945. She was elected for five different terms to the Diet (Japanese parliament) and devoted her life to the political education of women.

Ichikawa founded a center for women's issues and activities in 1962 and today the Fusae Ichikawa Memorial Association, so named after her death in 1983, conducts and publishes surveys and studies on the status of women, and sponsors workshops and seminars to educate women on political issues.

Home base for the Association is Tokyo's Fusen Kaikan, a building which serves as a headquarters and meeting place for women's groups of every political bent and philosophy.

"There are two major tasks that the women's movement in Japan will have to be addressing now," said Mitsuko Yamaguchi, general secretary of the Fusae Ichikawa Memorial Association. "First will be trying to get rid of the deeply rooted tradition in sex roles, and second will be the fact that we are living in an aging society."

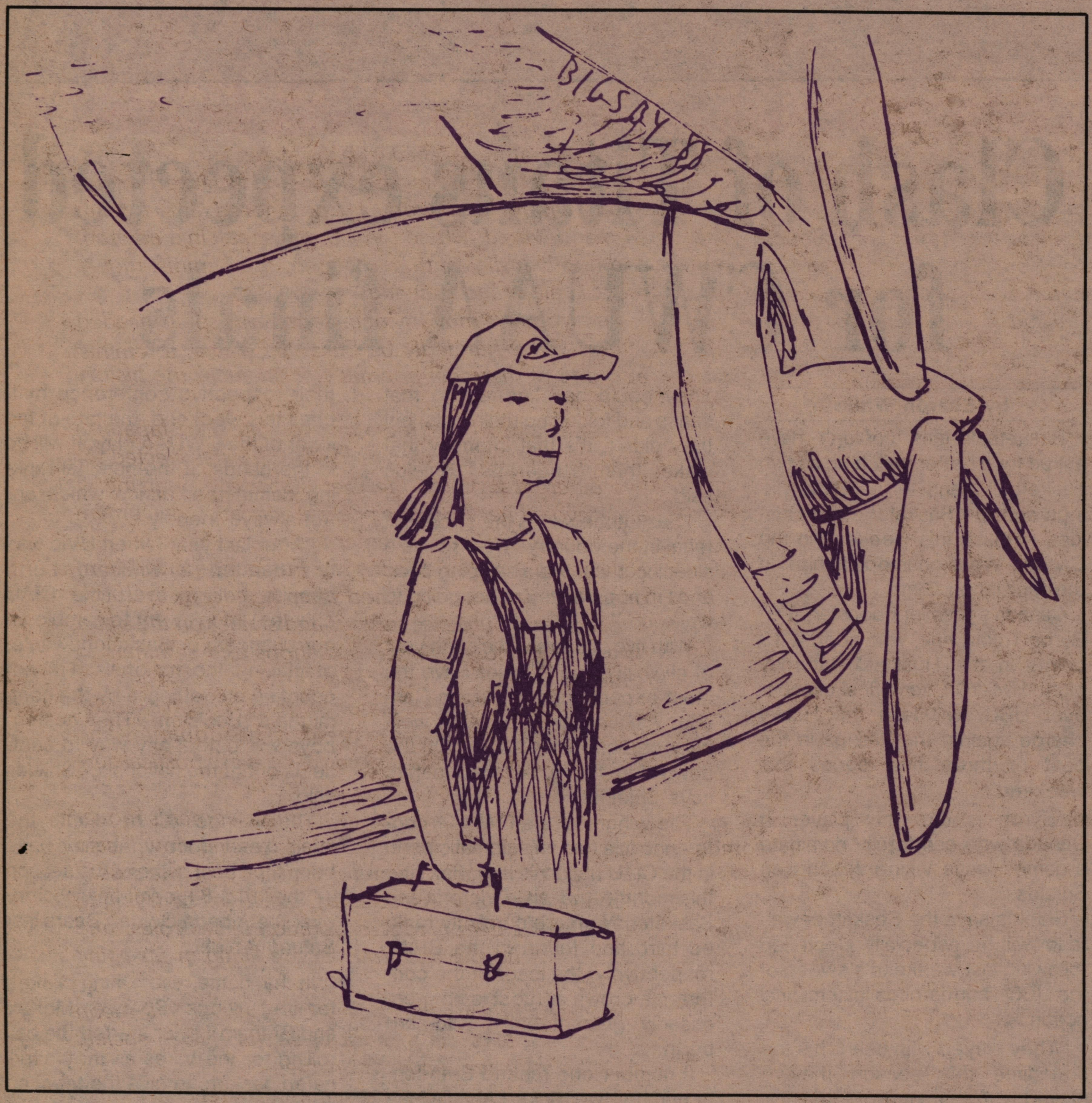
Yamaguchi says that this second factor will mean women will take on a more powerful role in society because they live longer than men.

She says young Japanese women are reticent to take part in any women's movement.

"Young women are not so terribly interested in getting rid of sex role stereotyping. Part of the reason is that Japan has become an affluent country. Few people are really poor and this makes them individualistic. Women would rather enjoy their lives without feeling a need for solidarity with others."

"Once they leave there is so much discrimination in the workforce. Few see it as a challenge. Instead they leave it, get married, retreat into their homes. They don't fight back against it."

When the meal is over, the three rise to leave. The Japanese women accompany the visitors to the door, help them on with their shoes, and hold a canape of umbrellas over the heads of the guests as they step out to their taxi. The women stand in the rain, and bow to the taxi, repeating, quietly, "Arigato gozaimashita" — Thank you very much. ☐



Seminar never takes off

by Valerie Stetson

When only two people showed up for the *Women In Aviation* seminar, I attributed the miserable turnout to the fact it was two hours long. (It turned out to be 1 hour.) I had conjured up ideas of female pilots with exciting careers, and when I discovered I was to learn about Air Traffic Controllers, (ATC), and Flight Service Specialists, (FSS), all hope for an entertaining afternoon dissipated.

However, at the mention of salary, I perked up.

ATCs can make as much as $57,912 per year. FSS can make up to $32,668. With these audibly pleasing figures ringing in my ears, I glued my attention to the lecturers.

"Out of 280 ATC's in B.C., 12 are female," said Jeanine McCurdy, Regional Coordinator for Employment Equity.

These women are involved in a two month campaign, sponsored by Transport Canada, to educate women about the job opportunities in these fields.

"The biggest fallacy preventing people from applying is that they think they need training," said McCurdy.

A nine month training program for ATC's exists at the Transport Canada Technical Institute in Cornwall, and a 7½ month program for FSS.

At the training level people make between $16,922 - $18,000 for ATC's, and $16,481 - $16,812 for FSS's.

For ATC trainees, emphasis is put on ability to handle high stress situations.

After training, people are placed where they are needed, and usually in the region where they applied. If a station is semi-isolated, Isolated Post Allowance is provided.

There are 17 stations in B.C. ranging from Vancouver to Prince Rupert.

Sue McLauchlan, a FSS, showed a film detailing her responsibilities.

FSS's provide a safety service for the pilots, informing them about weather conditions, flight safety, pre-flight planning, locating lost aircraft, turning on the runway and approach lights etc.

Bea Schmidt, an ATC in Castlegar, B.C., showed a film outlining an ATC's responsibilities.

They also give pilots flight information, especially during emergencies such as poor visibility, and runway conditions.

They are also responsible for the flow of air traffic to help avoid collisions, and to direct planes as they taxi through the gates.

Interested people should complete a PSC 3000 Application, available at the Canada Employment Centre, or the Transport Canada Staff Office.☐

Women speakers come to UVic

by Rebecca Games and Jay Mclaughin

International Women's Week celebrations are happening on campus Mar. 4 - 12.

Two of the women who will speak were interviewed for the following overviews.

Women often want their male sexual partners to wear condoms for the purposes of safety.

Unfortunately, for many women their partners are unwilling to protect themselves or their partner and therefore women are, "so intimidated and afraid to lose the male lover, they sacrifice their safety," said Debbie Gregory, one of the speakers scheduled for the International Women's Week celebrations.

"We'll realize we have a lot to share."

Gregory and Judith English will be giving a workshop on Wednesday Mar. 9 on safe sex and the sexual empowerment of women.

"Judith and I have complementary interests in this," said Gregory.

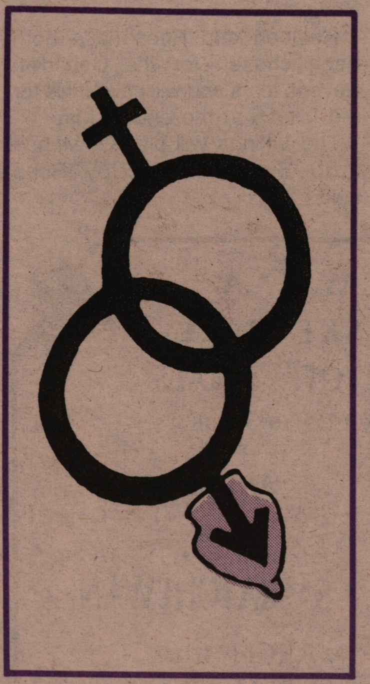
Gregory's half of the workshop will center around a woman's right to explore her sexuality.

"There is no polite way to say this, but men think fucking is sex, that everything else is either a build up or a come down," said Gregory.

A lot of women subscribe to this simply because that is the attitude of their male lovers.

They believe, "the dance is started and you have to follow it," said Gregory.

English will centre on safe sex for women "We want to help women get confident about using condoms in heterosexual relationships," said Gregory.



Gregory said the workshop will ensure confidentiality and there will be great respect for difference of opinion.

She said they are not looking for conformity of opinions about women and their sexuality, but for a build up of trust and an opportunity for women to become comfortable with their sexuality.

It is a participatory workshop but no woman will be coerced into participating, said Gregory.

"Once we get over our shyness, I think we'll realize we have a lot to share," said Gregory.

On a different angle, Friday evening Anne Cameron, author, is reading some of her works in Room A144 of the MacLaurin Building.

Cameron is perhaps best known for the collection of West Coast Indian herstories, *Daughters of the CopperWoman*.

"[Women are] afraid to lose their male lovers so they sacrifice their safety."

She is also the author of several other books including, *The Journey, Child of Her People* and *The Annie Poems*.

Cameron's plans to celebrate International Women's Week include her reading at UVic, a weekend supper and lecture in Seattle with the North West Indian Circle, and, "not getting an ulcer."

Cameron's Friday night reading promises a good time for all. Be there!☐

Events for International Women's Week

Friday, March 4
Networking Dinner W* — A dinner and talk on "Celebrating Womanhood".
Dunsmuir Lodge — 6:00 p.m.

Anne Cameron Reading G* — Author of *Daughters of Copperwoman* will be doing some of her readings.
MacLaurin Bldg. Rm A-144, 8:00 p.m.

Monday, March 7 - Friday, March 11
UVic Women's Centre Film Festival — A diverse selection of films.
Cinecenta (SUB), 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 8
Loving Women Loving Men G* — Discussion led by counsellors Madeline Thompson and Dave Nordstrom.
Victoria Healing Exchange, 1121 Vancouver St.

Wednesday, March 9
Safe Sex and Women's Sexual Empowerment Workshop W*
— Workshop led by Judith English from AIDS Vancouver Island and Debbie Gregory from the Status of Women's Action Group.
SUB Upper Lounge Rm 147.

Friday, March 11
Women in Leadership G* — A forum featuring woman mayors of Victoria.
560 Johnson, Suite 243 Market Square. 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 12
Fundraising Tea for Freda Cooper G* — Freda Cooper, of the Tsartlip Band, is challenging the Indian Act on the basis of Section 15 of the Charter of Rights.
At the home of Dr. Crystal Kleiman, 2958 Cresent Rd., 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Please bring cookies or squares.

G* General Admission
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Sunday, March 6 1:00 p.m.
Women's Day March
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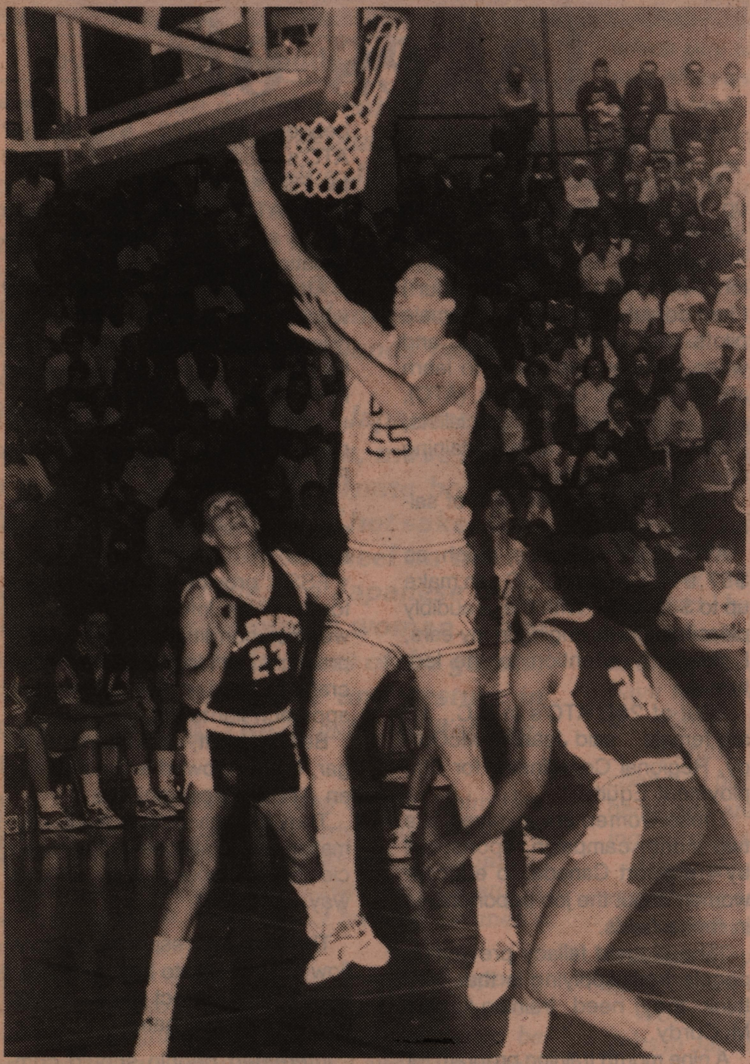

Clash of Titans expected for CWUAA finals

by Sharon White

Basketball fans couldn't have asked for a better match up as two basketball titans — the UVic Vikings and the Saskatchewan Huskies — clash this weekend in the Canada West chamnpionships in the McKinnon Gym.

Canada's premier hoopster, 6'9" Byron Tokarchuk, who scored 49 points in the Huskies' Saturday night 104-101 semi-final clincher over UBC, will lead the Husky charge against the Vikings in the best of three final series this weekend.

"Byron is the only player in Canada who can totally dominate a game," says Viking coach Ken Shields.

Shields says the Saskatchewan team will be especially electrified following last weekend's sweep of the UBC Thunderbirds in semi-final action.

"They played with heart. It's the first time this season they've played with that kind of intensity. They could have gone into that series and folded up their tents, but they didn't. It's that intensity that makes them dangerous," Shields said.

"Saskatchewan is the strongest team in the country. They're like a sleeping giant, like a sleeping bear, and I'm hoping they're not going to wake up."

With five starters in their fifth year of eligibility, the Huskies have the most experienced line-up in Canada. As well, they boast a well-balanced offensive attack. On the down side, the Huskies lack depth, says Shields.

The winner of the CWUAA conference title has an automatic berth in the CIAU nationals in Halifax later this month. And while Victoria and Saskatchewan are currently ranked third and fourth in the CIAU, respectively, the loser of the conference crown contest is not necessarily guaranteed a wild-card berth.

If number one ranked Brandon, or number two ranked Acadia lose their respective conference matches this weekend, the fate of the loser of the CWUAA playoff will be in the hands of the national ranking committee, hands which are not always friendly.

"After last year (when UVic was not handed a wildcard berth despite being seven-time CIAU champs) I don't want to gamble on our chances, or Saskatchewan's, of making the nationals. I'm not counting on getting in by the committee's decision. The eastern boys will look at any way to scuttle us out of the nationals," Shields said.

The Vikings will head into the finals fresh from what may have been their best game of the season — the 110-81 semi-final victory over the Alberta Golden Bears last Saturday night.

In that game, everything clicked for the Vikings. Spencer McKay and Graham Taylor started the ball rolling for the Vikes as they alternated baskets to give the team an 11-0 lead after two and a half minutes.

McKay dominated inside play, finishing with 34 points and 10 rebounds while Taylor dominated the rest of the court, finishing with 26 points (21 in the first half), including four three-pointers.

Shields, who has been less than enthusiastic about the Vikes' performance during the season, was especially pleased with his team's output.

"I haven't seen that kind of commitment, at least to my liking, this season. We showed the type of aggression that's necessary to win — though we didn't play that way for 40 minutes, we played for 35 minutes," he said.

"It's a big step forward. The next question is, was that just a flash in the pan or can we play that way this weekend?"

The Vikings, however, got off to a sputtering start in their first semi-final game Friday night against the Bears. While they managed to wrestle an 82-77 victory, it was a struggle.

The Vikings, who clung to a first half 43-42 lead, had trouble along the boards and had to rely on last-minute Albertan fouls to carry off the win.

Taylor again showed scoring heroics, garnering 27 points, including the last 11 points of the first half for the Vikes.

The ever-volatile, always-vocal Albertan coach Don Horwood had no problem making himself heard over his brilliant purple and black splotched tie as his sidelines intensity often superceded that of the Golden Bears.

Disputing a non-call by the referee (he felt Taylor should have been called for charging) in the first half, Horwood ripped off his jacket and threw it in disgust onto the floor.

The CWUAA championships start at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday night. If a third game is necessary it will be played on Sunday, at 2 p.m. CFUV 105.1 will be carrying live broadcasts of the games. ☐

Rugby playoff spot up for grabs

by Michael Wilkins

UVic almost clinched a playoff spot in the interlocking division with a convincing 31-9 win over Kats of Vancouver.

B.C. Rugby Union's playoff format is the top team from each of the three unions (Vancouver Island, Vancouver, and Fraser Valley) plus the winner of the interlocking division which consists of three top teams from each union of the previous year.

"We are 6-1 (win-loss) in the interlocking. We might be tied with the (Vancouver) Meralomas but having beat them we would advance. We have one game left against Pocomo, April 2nd, which we will be playing without Gareth (Rees)," said Viking coach Bruce Howe.

The game, although not as lop-sided as the score suggests was dominated by UVic's backs.

Andrew Heamen scored three tries with two coming from Randle McNair and one from Blair Hedley.

"We played very well in the first half and had them completely off balance. We just kicked it away from Kats and didn't allow them to set up a game plan," Howe said.

"The forwards played well and did all that they had to against a very big pack (including Glenn Enms National team member)," said Howe.

"In the second half it was mainly fitness and speed. We dictated the flow of the game. We had a run of scores and with some near tries at the end of the game they were just as glad it was over. It was one of the better wins we've had," said Howe.

Heamen and Rees have both been chosen for the Canadian Sevens team and will have trials for the full 15 at the end of May.

The Vikings will play Cowichan 2:30 Sunday at McCoy Road field. ☐

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Basketball Vikettes off to defend national title

by Sharon White

Perhaps the silver lining in the UVic basketball Vikettes 63-54 Canada West title loss to the gary Dinnies last weekend is that their dismal showing in the conference championship will strengthen their resolve this week at the CIAU nationals as a wildcard entry.

"Judging by the reaction of the team to their performance (last Saturday), it should help us to focus in the nationals. We can remember how hard and intense we have to work to win," said Vikette coach Kathy Shields.

The loss put the Vikettes' bid for a second straight CIAU title into the hands of the national ranking committee, who on Monday gave them a wildcard berth in the eight-team national tournament which begins Mar. 3 in Lethbridge.

Other teams vying for the CIAU crown are Calgary (CWUAA), Manitoba (GPAA), McGill (Quebec), Laurentian (OWUAA), Toronto (OEUAA), PEI (Atlantic) and host team Lethbridge.

The number two seeded Vikettes will meet seventh seeded Manitoba in the first round while top-seeded Calgary meets eighth-place Lethbridge.

In last Saturday's shocker, the Vikettes were the victims of a relentless Dinnie offense and their own poor shooting. In a four-minute span in the second half, the Vikettes who has control of the ball in their own end, could not sink a basket.

The Dinnies, who led 29-22 at the half, on the other hand, set up a beautifully balanced offensive attack. The Vikettes, playing intense, but desperate defense, could not penetrate the surging Dinnie offense, led by Veronica Vander Schee and Cori Blakeborough.

Third-year guard Blakeborough finished the game with 17 points, including three three-pointers, while holding Vikettes guard Karla Karch to only 10 points.

For both teams, intensity was not a problem as intensity is automatic in playoff action. The Vikettes, in fact, trying to grasp the reins of a runaway title, played with more determination than the Dinnies in the second half.

Ultimately then, the motivation behind the Calgary win was not desire, but need. The Dinnies needed to win as prior to Saturday's game they learned that if Manitoba (third-ranked) lost its conference match, Calgary's chances of getting into the nationals as a wildcard entry were nil.

"Calgary's back was against the wall. They knew they couldn't take any chances. They came out to win," Shields said.

"I'm disappointed our team couldn't play up to that."

The Dinnies are now 3-2 against the Vikettes this season and there is a good chance the two powerhouses could meet again in the CIAU finals.

"It will be interesting to see both teams play at their best. We played poorly tonight (Saturday) and they played poorly when we beat them by 20 points a few weeks ago. The two teams are so evenly matched," said Karch.

If Calgary and Victoria do meet in the finals, there will be no love lost in the competition.

Calgary's CWUAA crown takes a little of the sting away from last month's 76-55 Vikes victory but the wound isn't completely healed. And the Vikettes will be looking for a win to avenge the loss of the CWUAA title, and to repeat as CIAU crown-winners.☐

Sports Spotlight

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Basketball (W)	CIAU nationals in Lethbridge
Swim team	CIAU championships in Toronto
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Soccer (M)	vs Canadian Team UVic field, 1 p.m.
Rowing	Elk Lake Spring Regatta Elk Lake, 11 a.m.
Basketball (M)	vs Saskatchewan CWUAA playoff final McKinnon Gym, 8 p.m.
Basketball (W)	CIAU nationals in Lethbridge
Swim team	CIAU championships in Toronto
Field Hockey	Indoor Tournament Old Gym, 5:40 p.m.
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Rowing	Elk Lake Spring Regatta Elk Lake, 11 a.m.
Rugby	vs Cowichan in Cowichan
Field Hockey	Indoor Tournament Old Gym, 8 a.m.
Basketball (M)	vs Saskatchewan Game 3, Can West playoff (if necessary) McKinnon Gym, 2 p.m.

Sports Shorts

• The CIAU National Championship Vikings soccer team will host the Canadian soccer team (western representatives) in exhibition play Mar. 5, 1 p.m. at the UVic field.

The Canadian team features Jim Easton, Pat Onstad, Domonic Mobilio, Bobby Lenarduzzi, Jamie Lowery, Nick Gilbert and Keith Czah.

Canadian World Cup coach Tony Taylor will also be on hand at the game as an observer.

• The University of Victoria Vikettes field hockey team will host the B.C. Best Ever Indoor Tournament this weekend in the Old Gym.

The tournament will provide intense competition for the B.C. CIAU/Can West Indoor team in preparation for the National tournament here, Mar. 12 - 13.

The B.C. CIAU/Can West team features eight of the 12 players from the Vikettes CIAU national championship team: Debbie Whitten, Katrina Lineen, Denise Mason, Erin Biddlecombe, Joan Denroche, Laurelee Kopeck, Moira Hill and Lisa Nicola.

Action starts at 5:40 p.m. Saturday, continues Sunday, 8 a.m. and concludes with the CIAU/Can West team playing the All Star team at 11:10 a.m.☐

Slim hope for CIAU invitation

by Sharon White

The UVic volleyball Vikings still have a chance, albeit a slim one, of making the CIAU nationals in Guelph, March 17 - 19.

The Vikings will know Monday, when the national ranking committee makes its decision, just who will make the playoffs. The Vikings, who finished with a 9-6 won-lost record, are currently ranked seventh but with two other Can West entries — Saskatchewan (2) and Calgary (4) ranked above them, it is uncertain whether the ranking committee will hand out both wildcard invitations to western teams.

Viking coach Paul Brasson, however, said he has heard rumours that the committee sees the Victoria team as a strong one and may give them the nod.

Ultimately, the committee's decision may rest on Winnipeg's season-ending performance this weekend. If the Prairie conference team loses its last game they would probably drop from their fifth-place spot on the rankings scale, enabling Victoria to move up.

The Vikings wound up their season last weekend with a disappointing 3-2 loss against the University of Calgary Dinosaurs (15-7, 13-15, 15-10, 9-15, 15-6).

The UVic team had a total of 65 kills, 18 blocks and 10 service aces compared with 64 kills, 20 blocks and seven aces for Calgary.

Dave Risso gave a strong performance for the Vikes in his last appearance as a Viking, recording 16 kills.

John Brisebois had 15 kills, Ken MacRae had six kills and led the blocking with six stuff blocks.

Shawn Risby led serving with three aces and he also had 12 kills and five blocks.

Despite the loss, the gutsy performance against Calgary may give the Vikings extra points with the ranking committee, Brasson said.

Saskatchewan Huskies won the Canada West men's title with a 14-1 record, while the Dinosaurs were second with a 12-3 record.☐

Runners win gold, smash records

by Joe Polisuk

The Vikettes running team dominated the Canada West University Athletic Association indoor track and field championships in Saskatoon this past weekend.

Gold medals went to Brenda Shackleton in the 3,000 m (9:15.43), Robyn Meagher in the 1,500 m (4:20.45), Trish Wellmann in the 1,000 m (2:45.10), and the women's 4 x 800 m relay team — comprised of Shackleton, Meagher, Wellmann and Tanya Jones — for their record-setting time of 8:51.3.

Shackleton and Wellmann also set new meet records. Wellmann was named the meet's outstanding athlete for her two excellent performances.

UVic's Cathy Dargie finished a strong second in the 1,500 m, 16 seconds behind Meagher. Liz Jones was third in the 3,000 m, and Tanya Jones finished fifth.

Gary Barber beat UVic teammate Steve Guille by a hair to win the mens' 1,000 m in a time of 2:26.28 to Guille's 2:26.40. Barber and Guille also combined with Ken Wilmshurst and Dave Coey to set a new record in the men's 4 x 800 relay, winning the gold in 7:36.94.

UVic's Stu Love won the gold medal in the men's pole vault with a height of 4.85 metres. Teammate Owen Clements was second with a jump of 4.5 metres.

Love and Clements will join both men's and womens' relay teams, as well as Cathy Dargie, at the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union Championships in Winnipeg on March 12.☐

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Gold within reach of Vikes swimmers

by Stacy Lewis

UVic swimmers head to Toronto to vie for the national title at the CIAU national swim meet Mar. 3-5.

Ten members of the Vikes team qualified to compete, including Jon Kelly (200m. and 400m. individual medley), Greg Streppel (1,500m. free), Serge Score (100m. and 200m. fly), Ron Page (200m. and 400m. freestyle), Steve McKay (200m. fly), Simon Bicknell (100m. and 200m. backstroke), and Fin Donnelly (1,500m. freestyle).

Women competing will be Marie Moore (100m. and 200m. fly and 400m. freestyle), Lisa Woods (100m. and 200m. fly), and Stephanie Howes (200m. backstroke and 800m. freestyle).

Jon Kelly is currently ranked ninth in the world in the 200m. butterfly.

Other world record holders who will be competing at the meet include University of Calgary's Tom Ponting and Mark Tewksbury.

With four of five CanWest teams ranked in the CIAU's top 10, there is no question western teams will definitely be the dominant force at the nationals.

As their entire men's team qualified for nationals, Calgary appears to be the favourite for the title on the men's side, but Vikes Coach Peter Vizsolyli has hopes for a second place finish from the Vikes.

For the women, Marie Moore looks strong to capture at least one first place spot.☐

CIAU title in the grasp of volleyball Vikettes

by Sharon White

Riding the wave of a 17-game winning streak, and an experienced veteran line could give the UVic volleyball Vikettes a better chance of wrestling the national title from five-time champion Winnipeg.

"Not only do we have more experience, but we have added variety to our attack so our players have more options," says coach Patty Schlafen.

"(Going into the nationals) our expectations are different. We are in there to go for the gold rather than just being there for national experience. Our goals are different."

The Vikettes handily beat the University of Calgary Dinnies last weekend to give them their third straight conference title and a berth in the CIAU title showdown next weekend in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

The Vikettes got off to a slow start in last Friday's opening conference match, having to rally from a 10-3 deficit in the first set before recording a 16-14 victory.

Calgary gave Victoria another scare in the next match posting a 15-12 victory before the Vikettes regrouped to take the next two games 15-5 and 15-11.

"On Friday, we just showed up. Calgary missed 26 serves in the first game. It was like Calgary was waiting for us to win and we were waiting for us to win," said Schlafen.

Schlafen said the team held its own meeting before the second game and the impromptu session may have paid off in Saturday's game.

"There was more concentration and more quality of contact. We were playing like a championship team. The team just decided to play well," she said.

The Vikettes dismantled the Dinnies in three straight games, replacing Friday night's complacent play with an aggressive attack at the net and in the back row.

Kim McLean paced the Vikettes with 16 kills while power-hitter Jackie Graham, in her final home game, launched 14 kills.

Four Vikettes were named to the Canada West All-star team: Jackie Graham, Kim McLean (both unanimous choices), and Dianne Driedger. Lauren Little and Lara Melville were named to the second team. ☐

UVic crews take spring season opener

by Gillian Nasmith

The University of Victoria rowing team opened their spring season with a victory in the Head of The Shawnigan Regatta last Sunday at Shawnigan Lake.

All crews raced against the clock down the 6.4 km course with the fastest time taking each event. This race was the last head style race of the collegiate season and crews move into side-by-side 2,000 metre racing this weekend. Conditions were perfect with sunny weather and a calm Shawnigan Lake, making for fast times in all events.

In the Open Men's eights the UVic Varsity crew of stroke David Ruse, Darren Barber, Ian Swan, James Neil, Craig Habkirk, Derek Porter, Mike Quinlan, and coxswain Gill Nasmith took the victory from UBC with the fastest time of the day.

The Junior Varsity men were fourth overall but still nine seconds ahead of UBC JVs.

In the Open Men's single Rob Fontaine took first place honours for UVic over teammates Neil Stothard, and Rick Brewster, who were second and third respectively.

The women's Varsity boat of stoke Kelly Mahon, Katherine Pope, Kirsten Duncan, Julie Jespersen, Susie Ross, Janet Price, Meaghan Andrews, Shelley Cox, and coxswain Laura Street won the Open Women's eight over their JV crew which placed second. UVic women did not enter the singles events. UBC women were surprisingly absent from competition on Sunday.

This weekend the UVic Rowing Team is hosting their annual Spring Regatta on Elk Lake both Saturday and Sunday. Crews will race the 1,850 metre Boat Race course with the finish line at the Elk Lake boathouse in hopes of attracting spectators. Racing gets underway at 11:00 a.m. both days. ☐

Dance for Timmy

The UVic Athletic department, along with the Vikings Rugby team, are holding a fund-raising dance to raise money for Timmy's Springtime Telethon, Mar. 12.

The dance will be held in conjunction with the UVic International Rugby Tournament.

The dance starts at 8:30 p.m. in the SUB lower lounge and tickets ($4) are available through all rugby club members and the Athletic and Recreation office. ☐

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Strathcona Provincial Park: *History & Update*

by Jay McLaughlin

Province-wide media coverage of arrests at the Cream Silver drill site in Strathcona Park brought public attention to the political/environmental controversy brewing on Vancouver Island.

Strathcona Park's history, though relevant to the current dispute, has received scant attention in most media releases.

The present situation in Strathcona Park is the product of 70 years of interaction and conflict between a succession of governments, primary resource companies, and environmental protection groups.

In 1911, under the Strathcona Park Act, this wilderness area of 231, 434 hectares became B.C.'s first provincial park.

Originally the Act prohibited all mining and prospecting within the park's boundaries, but in 1918 the park was opened to prospectors.

In 1957, this decision was reversed.

In 1965, Strathcona's status was changed from a class A to a class B park, so that except for three "Nature Conservancy" areas, mining and prospecting were again permitted in the park, with ministry approval.

> **"Originally the Act prohibited all mining and prospecting within the park's boundaries but in 1918 the Park was opened to prospectors."**

During the mid-60's mining companies such as Westmin Resources and Cream Silver staked the claims that are a major factor in the present dispute.

In 1973 the government placed a moratorium on all prospecting and mining in provincial parks.

In Strathcona, however, Westmin Resources were allowed to continue developing their sites.

In the same year, a government report said an outdoor recreational and environmental survey of the entire Campbell River drainage system concluded, "Wildlife characterists of estuarine habitats — the Campbell River in this case — are of enough significance to warrant consideration in any plans made to alter the river's ecosystem."

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In 1985, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled on the Tener case, mineral claims granted by the crown before the formation of Wells Gray Park.

The court ruled the provincial government had to allow Mr. Tener to develop his claims or else compensate him.

Although in 1976 Cream Silver Mines had sued the provincial government for compensation, the Supreme Court of Canada, in 1986, decided that the Tener case ruling did not apply to Cream Silver Mines.

Cream Silver appealed the decision, but the case is now "indefinitely adjourned."

Although the company lost its case, the provincial government still claims it will have to pay out massive compensation if Cream Silver is not permitted to develop its Strathcona claims.

The government has bought out other companies' claims in the past, but now says the process is too expensive to continue.

Another mining company, Westmin Resources, has operated a mine in Strathcona since the early seventies. Their location is just three kilometres from Cream Silver Mines' present-day drill site.

Although the company issued assurances, backed by the goernment, that downstream drinking water would not be polluted by their operations, the levels of zinc, copper and lead in the water rose dramatically until 1985.

That year Westmin, one of five heavy metals mines in B.C. now known to generate a form of industrial pollution called "acid mine drainage", was fined $80,000 for water pollution.

> **"The Supreme Court of Canada, in 1986, decided that the Tener case ruling did not apply to Cream Silver Mines."**

Since then, the mine's tailings waste, totalling 3,000 tonnes a day, and acid leaching from waste rock piles are channelled into a storage and treatment system that cost $7 million to install and continues to cost $1 million annually in upkeep and maintenance.

In the history of Strathcona Park, the events of 1987 were the final steps leading up to the present confrontation between the Vander Zalm government, Cream Silver Mines and the environmentalist group, Friends of Strathcona.

On Mar. 14 of 1987, the Ministry of Environment and Parks created "recreation areas" in a move to accomodate mining and logging claims within provincial park boundaries.

In Strathcona, three separate areas totalling 10,250 hectares, located in the center of the park, were designated as recreation areas, and over 700 trees were cut down to create access roads.

The 1987 decision echoed the conditions of the '65 agreement — mineral exploration and mine development are now allowed only with cabinet approval.

The new recreation areas encompass the Westmin operation.

Cream Silver Mines is the first of eight companies to receive an exploratory permit. The permit allowed Cream Silver to drill five test sites with no limit on number of holes drilled, to a depth of 2500.

This has since been lessened to three test sites. The company is also allowed to disturb up to six acres in parkland in this exploratory phase.

On Jan. 23, Cream Silver made their first attempt to act on the permit. On the same day, Friends of Strathcona set up a 24 hour in-park vigil that remains in effect.

This has meant five to six people live at the drill site during the week, with weekend rallies of 80 to 200 protesters.

The Friends of Strathcona, with over 1,000 members resorted to acts of civil disobedience and passive resistance after efforts made to handle the issue through conventional government channels failed.

> **". . . the levels of zinc, copper and lead in the water rose dramatically."**

Originally the group had organized a successful blockade on the road leading to the drill site, but on Jan. 30 a Supreme Court injunction gave Cream Silver free passage on the access road. On Jan. 31, the arrests began.

Over the past month 38 people have been arrested on charges including obstructing a public highway, mischief, obstructing use of property and disobeying a court order.

Most of the arrests have occurred on weekends, usually between 1 a.m. and 3 a.m..

Bail includes signing a condition that those charged will not return to within a 4.8 kilometre radius of the blockade area.

One protestor, Ralph Schultze (arrested Feb. 14) has refused to sign the undertaking. He is now being held at Wilkinson Road Institution and is one week into a hunger strike.

Schultze and 18 other charged protestors will appear in court Feb. 23.

Last week, spokespeople for the Friends of Strathcona met with Environment Minister Bruce Strachan.

On the day of the meeting the ministry received 80 phone calls expressing support for the Friends of Strathcona.

The environmentalists' concerns included the pollution of Campbell River watersheds, arbitrary boundary deliniations, and the need for public input.

Their demands that all mining and exploration and extraction must be stopped immediately and that the park's boundaries be returned to their 1986 status were countered by Strachan's promise of a full public review of resource development in Strathcona Park.

He also said no new permits would be issued until after the review, although Cream Silver Mines could continue to test drill until their permit expires on June 30, 1988.

At first this proposition was accepted, but after a group meeting the Friends of Strathcona stated reviews or hearings were unacceptable.

This week the group has been assured of a meeting between themselves, Strachan, and Stan Hagen, Minister of State for Vancouver Island.

> **"The company is also allowed to disturb up to six acres in parkland in this exploratory phase."**

In the meeting the environmentalists will reiterate previous demands and call for a full public inquiry into the resource development of Strathcona Provincial Park.

The Strathcona dispute is an issue that changes almost daily.

The Friends are collecting evidence that Cream Silver Mines is polluting Thelwood Creek and in turn the Campbell River domestic water supply.

If the government accepts this, then it is a possible channel to revoking Cream Silver's exploratory permit.

The terms of the permit state it can be cancelled if the company creates environmental damage. ☐

Update: Friends of Strathcona continue their 24 hour vigil at the drill site, with events planned for March 3 and the weekend of March 12.

On March 3 up to 3000 native Indians are expected to attend a special ceremony to show the Native's feeling of responsibility for the land.

A local chapter of the Friends of Strathcona has been set up. They can be reached through the Western chapter of the Sierra Club, 386-5255.

All 18 protestors, who appeared in Campbell River court a week ago Tuesday have had their cases deferred until March 8.

Ralph Schultze has been released and the undertaking waived in his case.

Friends of Strathcona continue to demand a full public inquiry, and have said they will not participate in any public review. ☐

On the Spot

by Valerie Stetson and David Edey

Question: Should B.C.'s provincial parks be open to industrial activity?

A: I'm definitely against it, not only for the people's sake, but also for the animals that live there.

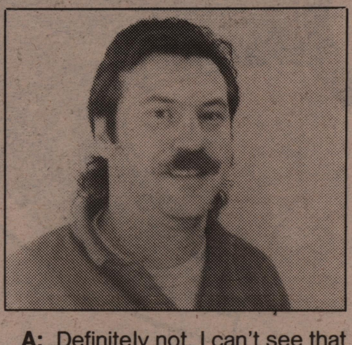
Elizabeth Alexander
2nd year Commerce

A: No, because the beauty of the parks is that there's nobody in there in the first place.

Lynn Desbiens
1st year A & S

A: Parks are reserved for environmental reasons, for the people.

Jeff Comba
3rd year Music



A: Definitely not. I can't see that our national heritage should be subjected to any kind of exploitation or development by private interest. It's a legacy of our heritage.

Casey Swann
1st year Economics

A: Strathcona Park was enacted by my Great-grandfather, Sir Richard McBride, and I consider it a personal affront, as well as an ethical one, that this government would have so little respect for tradition, and the spirit of sacrifice in which Strathcona Park was founded. They knew it was rich in minerals from the start, but sacrificed mean economic self-interest for aesthetic appreciation.

Tim Moore
4th year, Philosophy

Across the BOD

by David Bigsby

In a rather solemn meeting after the arduous AGM the Board of Directors dealt only with the immediate items such as the KEIO exchange and the upcoming AMS elections before drowning their sorrows at Felicita's.

The BOD moved to run a quarter page ad for the KEIO exchange program for two weeks in the *Martlet*.

The AMS Election Policy and Regulations were briefly amended before being passed.

Key changes included a stiffer penalty for illegal posters, and a limit of 40 posters from endorsing groups.

New staff resource person Jamie Gripich was voted Electoral Officer for the upcoming election.

VP Academic Jamie Tate announced he would be going to Kelowna on CFS business.

"Jamie Gripich will have my keys, for all you computer freaks out there," said Tate.

Finally, it was moved by consensus to formally thank President Pam Frache and Director Mairi Johnson for their work in preparing the proposed constitutional amendments.

The BOD then adjourned to Felicita's.☐

Amnesty petitions for human rights

by Lyle Stewart

Amnesty International is launching a nine-month petition campaign at 2:45 p.m. today in the McPherson Theatre to promote and celebrate the 40th anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights this December.

Aimee Botje Jones, the representative for Amnesty International in Victoria, said the campaign hopes to gather 5,000 signatures in Victoria, and more than 1 million worldwide to present to the UN Dec. 10.

Labelled "Human Rights Now!", the campaign seeks to bolster human rights in Third World nations, and will try to raise $5 million to translate the declaration of human rights into 52 languages, said Jones.

"The irony is that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is almost universally unknown," said Jones.☐

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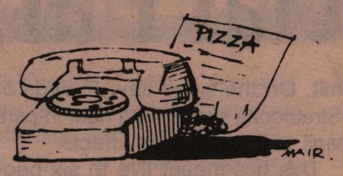

St. Catharines (CUP)

Registering for a course at Brock University in April will become as easy as ordering a pizza, once a new computerized system is installed.

The $175,000 system will allow students to phone in their course numbers using a touchtone phone instead of spending long hours waiting in line.

It will operate 12 to 15 hours a day and handle up to 14 calls at a time.

Student services dean Ron McGraw said the growing number of students at Brock has made registration in person "a luxury".

But some faculty members say the system will cause problems. Students without the proper prerequisites may find themselves "deregistered" when they come to class, a marketing and management professor said.

Although some students may find talking to a computer dehumanizing, McGraw said, the time saved is more important.

"What is dehumanizing is these line-ups," he said.

The University of Alberta was the first Canadian university to install the system two years ago, and the idea has been considered by Concordia University in Montreal, Memorial University of Newfoundland, and here at UVic.☐

Viewpoint

The ongoing campaign against wolves in B.C. is based partly on reports released by the Environment Ministry to justify its inauguration of the Wolf-Kill program in 1984.

These reports biased carefully gathered data and the ensuing Wolf-Kill policy is poorly considered in light of recommendations these reports contain.

A two year survey entitled *Surveys of Caribou, Moose, and Wolves in Northern B.C. in 1978 - 79 and 1979 - 80* is an inventory of wolves and prey species inhabiting 25 areas in northern B.C. Observations of the percentage of caribou calves and corresponding wolf density in each area were used to construct a graph that seemed to implicate wolf predation as a factor influencing calf mortality.

But when the most meaningful (October) data for which wolf density, calf survival, and winter severity information were available are graphed in the same manner, the data are partitioned into two clusters corresponding to survey year.

More calves survived if their pre-birth winter was mild (1978), than if their pre-birth winter was harsh (1979). The impact of wolf predation was negligible by comparison.

The *Northern B.C. Wolf-Caribou Study* was an experiment to increase calf abundance in the Horseranch Range area by poisoning and shooting as many wolves as possible during three successive years.

But findings in the otherwise comparable Level Mountain area, where no intervention was attempted, are revealing.

When calf abundance measures are compared with the winter severity index for each year, the traces are almost mirror images. As in the previous survey, calf abundance increased if the winter severity preceding their birth was low (mild), and decreased if their pre-birth winter severity was high (harsh).

A massive wolf-kill effort will increase calf abundance somewhat, but only until wolf numbers recover. By the final follow-up year of the Horseranch Range experiment wolves actually rebounded from 36 in three packs to 38 in five packs. As quoted in this report, "in such a situation, an ongoing form of wolf control, probably once a year, aimed at complete suppression of the wolf population impacting on caribou is required." This is exactly what's happening now — a policy of perpetual violence against wolves.

Focussing instead on the combined impact of poaching and licensed hunting would be more realistic. The *Kechika Wolf Project 1981 - 82 Annual Report* states that in comparison with a natural mortality of 13 percent, "hunter harvest" of some moose herds could already be about 20 percent per year. Ironically, former Environment Minister Tony Brummet told the Victoria Wolf Coalition in 1984 that the means to control poaching in remote areas would be too costly, but nevertheless authorized half the Muskwa area's wildlife budget for shooting wolves from helicopters. Using those helicopters to fly unannounced patrols in order to discourage poaching, and limiting hunter access by ATVs, would be more realistic.

Instead of pursuing an intelligent wildlife management program, B.C. has escalated the attack on wolves by planning another wolf-kill and prescribing compound 1080 for additional areas. Notably, the Wildlife Branch refuses to describe *how* 1080 is being used. One suspects that 1080 is being used under "relaxed guidelines" that don't require recovery of the poison bait or the carcass of the poisoned animal(s). Poison can then enter the food chain with results similar to the accidental death of eagles that we recently witnessed on Vancouver Island.

The decision by Friends of the Wolf to interfere with the planned Wolf-Kill continution in the Muskwa area is certainly understandable. Their activities, like former escapades of Paul Watson, may appear extreme, but their evaluation is accurate: animal predators are being eliminated in order to maximize predation by humans. It's no accident that hunting is the first priority use for moose in the Muskwa area.

Government must act on the recognition that demand for non-consumptive recreational uses of wildlife has been growing for over 20 years. Relevant literature indicates that these uses are increasingly popular and lucrative, and would provide continued employment for the guide industry while trophy hunting and non-resident sport hunting are phased out. Continued killing of our native wildlife for immediate gain by the greedy must be viewed as a special case of government's tendency to make decisions based on short-term political considerations rather than long-range responsibilities.

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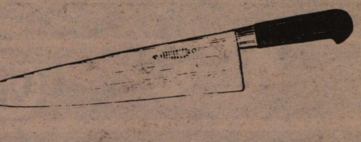
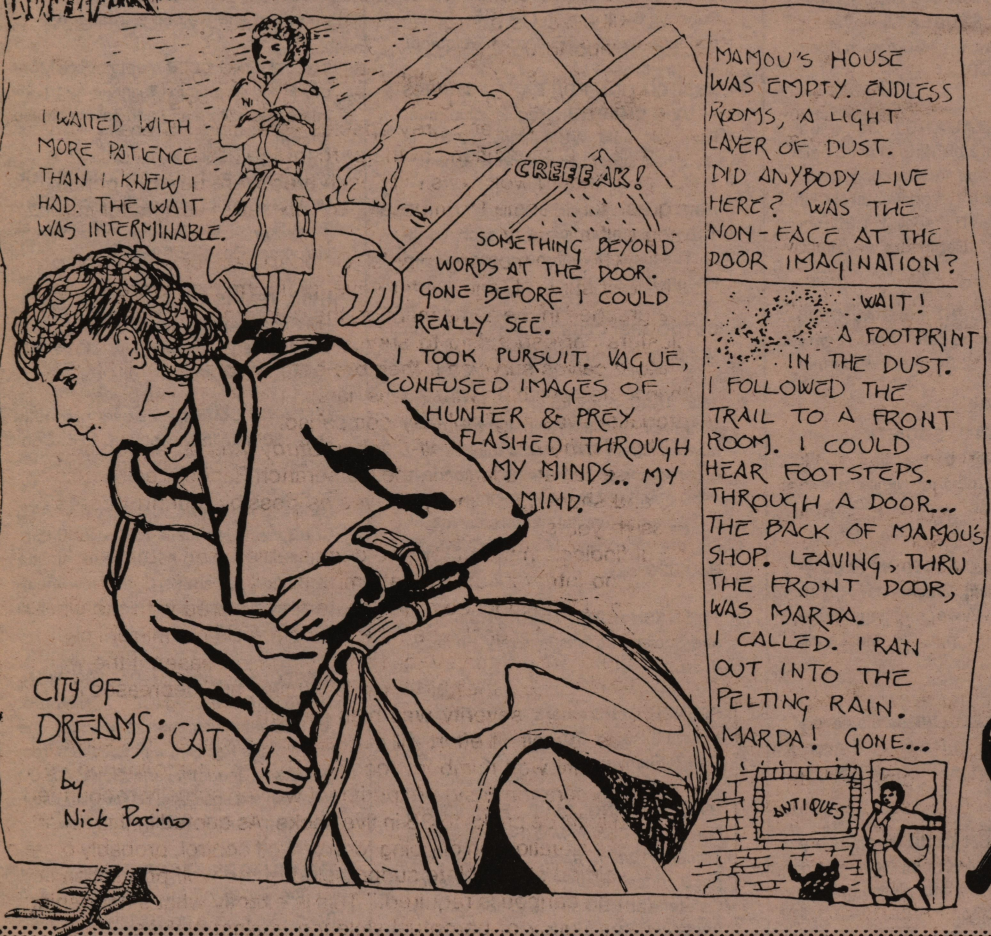
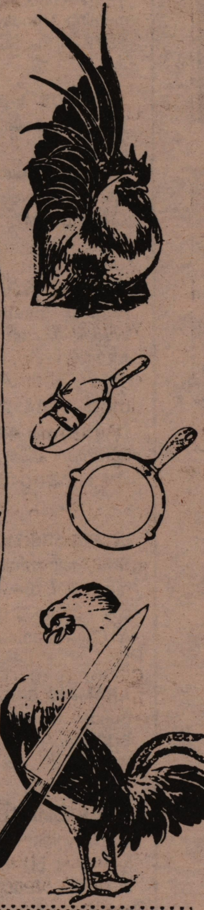
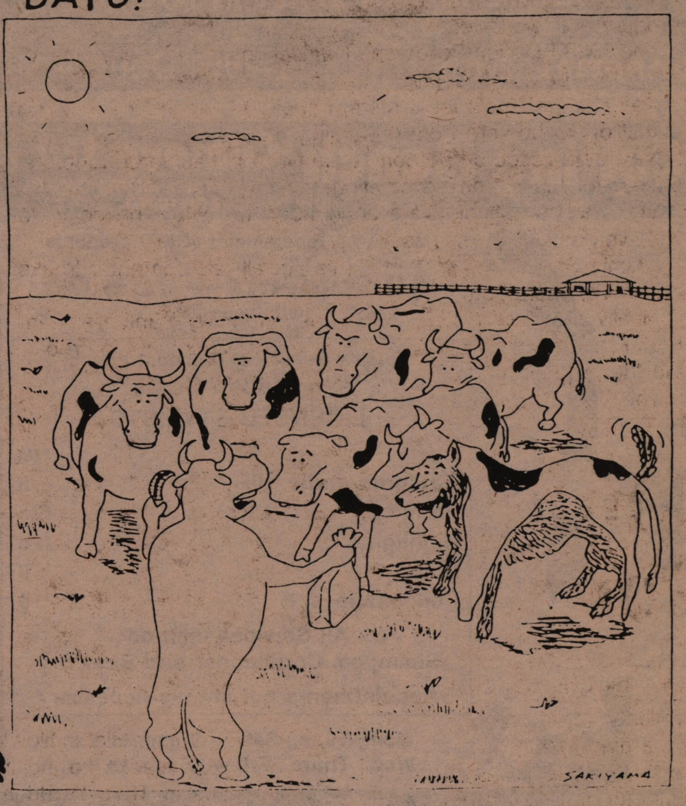


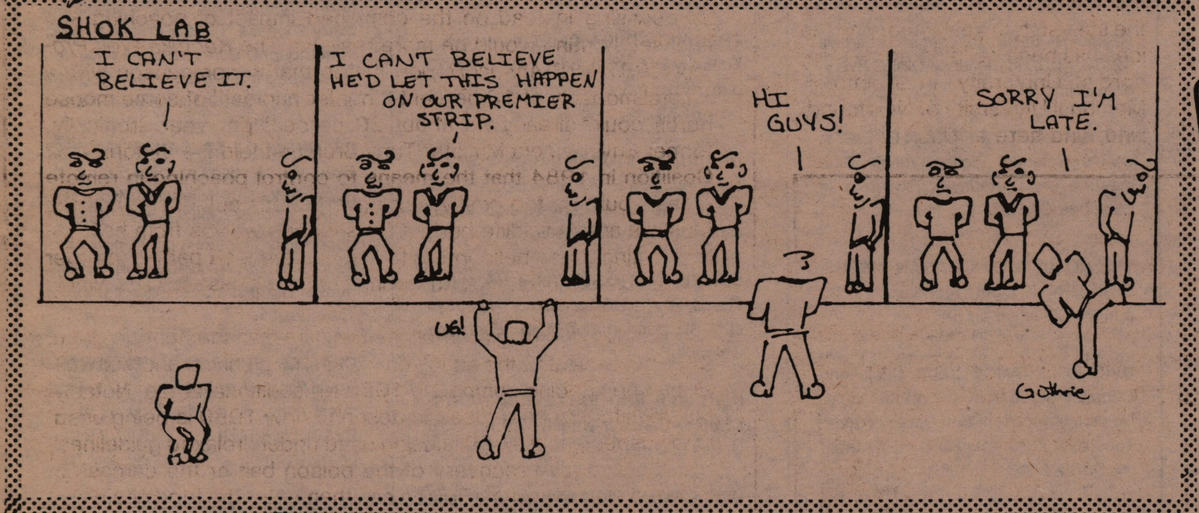

I WAITED WITH MORE PATIENCE THAN I KNEW I HAD. THE WAIT WAS INTERMINABLE.
CREEEAK!
SOMETHING BEYOND WORDS AT THE DOOR. GONE BEFORE I COULD REALLY SEE.
I TOOK PURSUIT. VAGUE, CONFUSED IMAGES OF HUNTER & PREY FLASHED THROUGH MY MINDS.. MY MIND.
MAMOU'S HOUSE WAS EMPTY. ENDLESS ROOMS, A LIGHT LAYER OF DUST. DID ANYBODY LIVE HERE? WAS THE NON-FACE AT THE DOOR IMAGINATION?
WAIT! A FOOTPRINT IN THE DUST. I FOLLOWED THE TRAIL TO A FRONT ROOM. I COULD HEAR FOOTSTEPS. THROUGH A DOOR... THE BACK OF MAMOU'S SHOP. LEAVING, THRU THE FRONT DOOR, WAS MARDA. I CALLED. I RAN OUT INTO THE PELTING RAIN. MARDA! GONE...
ANTIQUES
CITY OF DREAMS: CAT
by
Nick Parcino

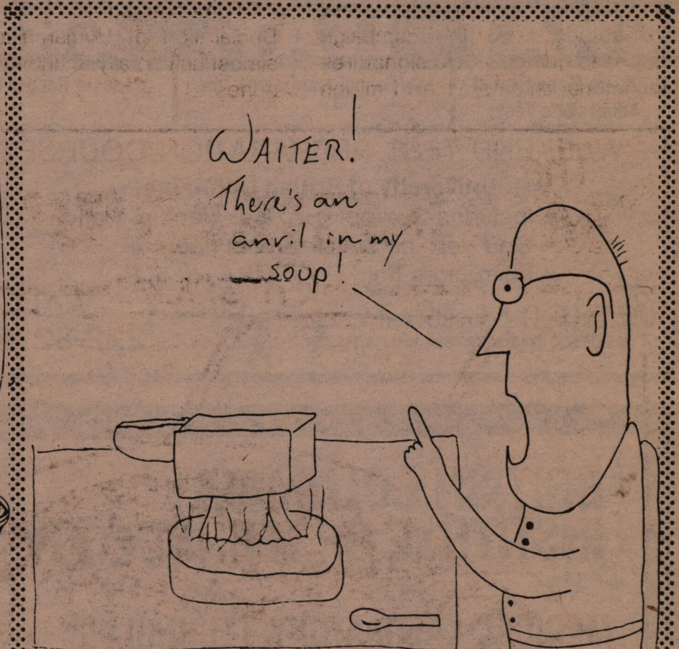


DAYO!

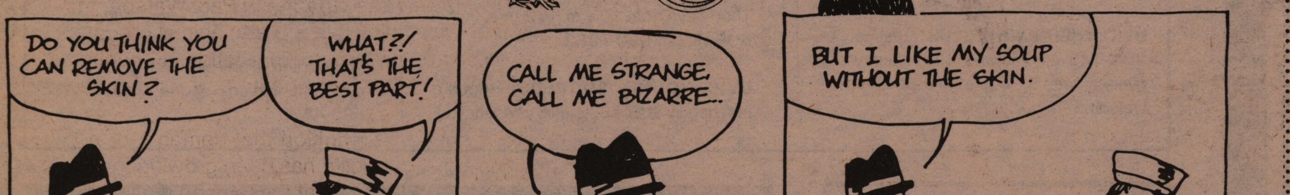


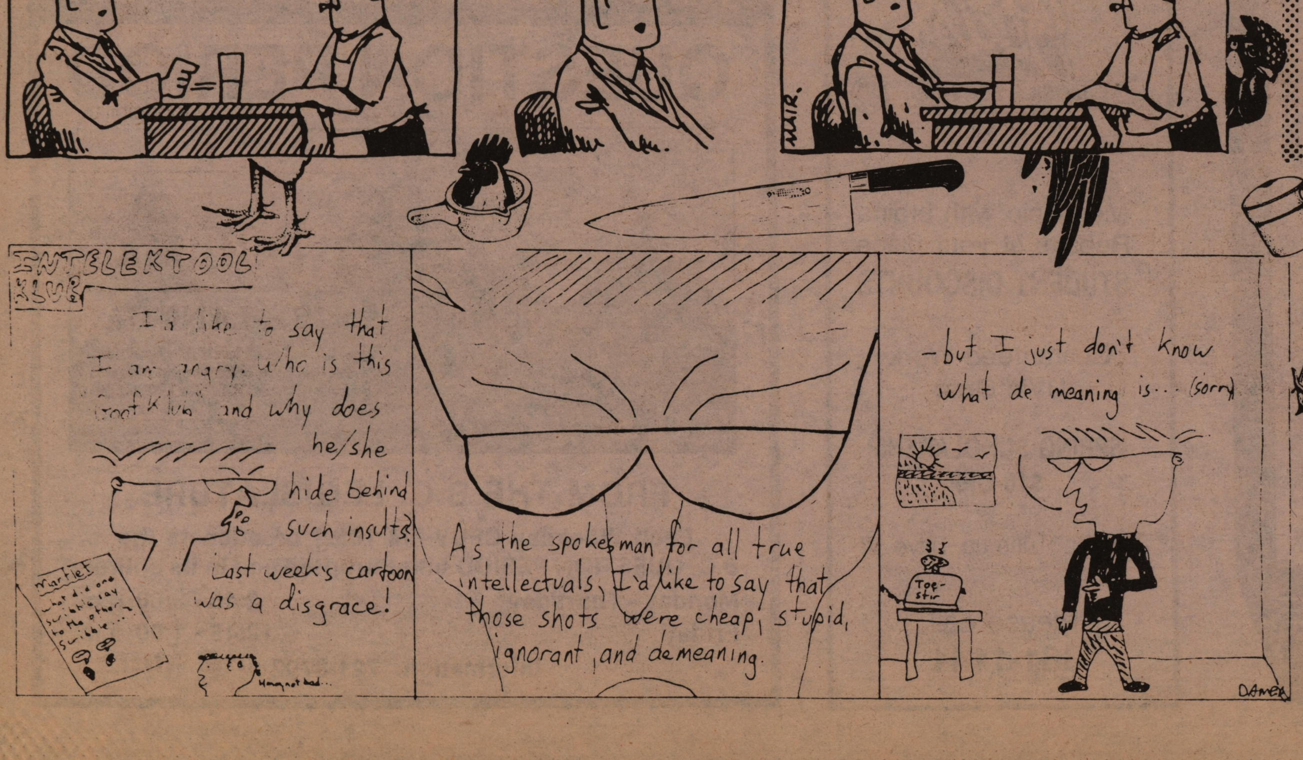
OKAY, SO THAT'S FIVE PEANUT BUTTER AND JAM AND ONE ROAST BEEF.. WHO THE **HELL** ORDERED THE ROAST BEEF?!!


SHOK LAB
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
I CANT BELIEVE HE'D LET THIS HAPPEN ON OUR PREMIER STRIP.
HI GUYS!
SORRY I'M LATE.
UG!
Guthrie


WAITER!
There's an anvil in my soup!

FANDO


DO YOU THINK YOU CAN REMOVE THE SKIN?
WHAT?! THAT'S THE BEST PART!
CALL ME STRANGE. CALL ME BIZARRE..
BUT I LIKE MY SOUP WITHOUT THE SKIN.
MAIR.


INTELEKTOOL KLUB
I'd like to say that I am angry. Who is this "Goof Klub" and why does he/she hide behind such insults? Last week's cartoon was a disgrace!
Martlet
Hmm, not bad...
As the spokesman for all true intellectuals, I'd like to say that those shots were cheap, stupid, ignorant, and demeaning.
-but I just don't know what de meaning is... (sorry)
Toe-stir
DAMER

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Clubs Calendar

THE ASSOCIATION OF FOREIGN AND CANADIAN STUDENTS weekly meeting, Monday at 12:30 p.m. in Room 137B of the SUB.

VI PIACE L'ITALIANO? Se volete parlarlo, se avete bisogno di aiuto nella lingua, o se volete fare la conoscenza degli altri studenti . . . benvenuti al Club Italiano, il giovedi (Thursdays), 1:30 p.m. Clearihue D130. Beginners welcome!

THE UVIC STUDENT LIBERAL CLUB Regular meetings are held every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in Cornett A221.

UVIC DEBATING SOCIETY meets Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. in SUB 137B. For information, contact Nancy Hepinstall at 721-0486.

INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP Main meeting, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. Elliot 164. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in MacLaurin A168. Welcome to all!

ARAMAIC BIBLE CLUB meets, every Sunday morning, 11 a.m. - 12 noon. SUB Upper Lounge. Frances Watson: 721-1120.

THE BADMINTON CLUB meets every Sunday night at McKinnon Gym from 6 to 10 p.m. For more info, please call Andrew at 658-8035.

GERMAN CLUB meetings Tuesdays 12:30 - 1:30 in Clearihue D267. Everyone welcome!

THE IMAGINATIVE FICTION SOCIETY, UVic's Science Fiction/Writing Club meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Clearihue C118.

THE HOLLY & OAK PAGAN DISCUSSION GROUP meets Mondays at 3:30 p.m. in Clearihue D134.

UVIC FOLKDANCE CLUB Circle and Couple Dances from around the world. No partner required. Sub Upper Lounge. Tuesdays 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. Information: 383-4713.

THE EMILY. General meetings Tuesdays 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. (or submit material to the Women's Centre or SUB Office box anytime).

UVIC THEOSOPHY CLUB meeting in SUB 146 on 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. All welcome.

CRICKET CLUB. Practices and games Sundays 6 - 9 p.m. in Old Gym. No experience needed. Everyone welcome!

ASSOCIATION FOR BAHA'I STUDIES — UVIC CHAPTER. Regular club meetings will held Wednesday 12:30 in Clearihue D261. Everyone welcome.

NDP CLUB regular meetings in SUB 146. 2nd and 4th week of each month on Tuesdays. Everyone is encouraged to come! 12:30 p.m.

OUTDOORS CLUB meets 12:30 on Mondays in Cornett A221.

THE UVIC CIRCLE K CLUB (CKI): Volunteering, leadership and friendship is what makes CKI UVic's total service organization!!!! Meetings, Mondays 4:30 p.m. in SUB 146. Volunteering at a Children's Hospital immediately following the meetings. More info? Wayne 380-0201.

THE HASH HOUSE HARRIERS running and social club meets every Friday at 4:30 p.m.

FRENCH CLUB meets every Tuesday from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in Clearihue C117. Bienvenue!

UVIC CYCLING CLUB. Fast training rides leave Tillicum Mall (Burnside Rd. & Tillicum) 10 a.m. each Sunday. Regular pace rides leave UVic Residence Cafeteria at 1:30 p.m. each Sunday. Information: 721-9652.

THE UVIC SCUBA CLUB meets every Tuesday in Cunningham 146 at 12:30 p.m. For more information, phone 384-6589.

GRADUATE STUDENT HAPPY HOUR every Friday 4 to 7 p.m. in the SUB Upper Lounge. Lively conversation, entertainment. Everyone welcome.

UNITED NATIONS CLUB Meetings Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. in Sub 146. Everyone welcome.

UVIC JIVE AND BALLROOM DANCE CLUB — Sundays weekly, 7 p.m., SUB Upper Lounge.

UVIC CAVING CLUB meeting 7:30 p.m. SUB 146 every second Tuesday.

THE OXFAM CLUB: For information on upcoming meetings and events inquire at the Oxfam table Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the SUB or call 390-7082.

UVIC YOUNG SOCREDS Regular meeting in SUB 137B every Monday at 4:30 p.m. All club members are encouraged and welcome to attend!

THE SAILING CLUB meets every Monday at 12:30 p.m. in Clearihue A211. All interested sailors and non-sailors please attend!

STUDENTS FOR PEACE AND DISARMAMENT meet every first and third Tuesdays of the month. SUB 137, all welcome! Rose 386-6496.

UVIC TENNIS CLUB meetings; Cedar Hill Recreation Centre, 5 - 6 p.m., Sundays. Everyone welcome. President Kent 477-9208.

HISPANIC CLUB meets every Monday at 11:30 a.m. in Clearihue C115. Conversation, culture, etc. Nos vemos.

UVIC WADO-KAI CO-ED KARATE CLUB meets Mondays 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. and Fridays 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the McKinnon Apparatus Gym. New members always welcome. For information call 381-2275.

AIESEC presents the PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE . . . March 5. All students welcome to discuss the future of the Pac Rim with speakers from University, Industry, and Gov't. $2.00 for afternoon sessions. $10.00 for lunch with Sen. Ray Perrault.

THE OBJECTIVIST FORUM — A Center for the Study of the Thought of Ayn Rand. We have a presentation on a different aspect of Ayn Rand's philosophy every 2 weeks. Tired of irrational collectivist thought? Give reason, egoism and capitalism a try! Call Dennis (477-0411) or Alex (477-2909) for more information.

PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS' SOCIETY: Executive elections will take place at the General Meeting, Thursday, March 10 at 1:30 p.m. in Clearihue D-128. Take the opportunity to make a difference, voice your ideas, get involved — run for President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer!

CHINESE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP would like to invite you to our Bible Study this Friday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Cle B215. Topic: "How to Live a Victorious Life" (Cantonese Speaking)

JEWISH STUDENTS SOCIETY: There will be an upcoming sequel of Saturday's event to be held on Sun. March 13. Time and place to be announced.

CHINESE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP would like to invite you to our video show this Friday, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Meet at McPherson (library) building by 6:15 p.m. Information: phone Paul Li. Tel 595-4608.

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THURSDAY 3

HAPPENINGS

HENRY BEISSEL, poet, playwright, translator, and professor from Concordia University will read from his works at 12:30 p.m. in room 180 of the University Centre and at 7:30 p.m. in Clearihue room C305.

"ANCIENT FORESTS: PRICELESS TREASURES", a slide talk by renowned U.S. forest consultant Chris Maser takes place at the Newcombe Theatre, 675 Belleville St. at 7:30 p.m. $4 FOPM, $3, and $2 for 12 and under.

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UVIC PHYSICIST DR. PAUL LIM will give a free slide presentation on his 6-month solo expedition to the Amazon basin. UVic, McKinnon 150 at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY 4

HAPPENINGS

ANNE CAMERON, author of *Daughters of Copper Woman*, will read from her new work at 8:00 p.m. in MacLaurin Auditorium (A144). Reading followed by dessert potluck. Three dollar donation requested.

THE DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY COLLOQUIUM presents Prof. Charles F. Keyes, Department of Anthropology, University of Washington, speaking on recent research in Northern Thailand. 2:30 p.m. in Cornett B135.

DANCE! DANCE! DANCE! The UVic School of Childcare is hosting a Spectacular Mid-year bash in the SUB Upper Lounge from 8:30 to 12:30. Tickets are $3. I.D. required. No minors.

SATURDAY 5

HAPPENINGS

THE NEXT MOTORCYCLE RIDER TRAINING COURSE begins today. Phone 478-9584 for info. and registration.

POETRY CABARET presents Montreal's "Rhythm Activism" (Dem Stink on guitar and Normal Nawrocki on vocals) in concert. Plus Victoria writers Clint Burnham, Robin Cryderman, Clint Hutzulak and Ariel O'Sullivan. 8 p.m. at Open Space, 510 Fort St. Tickets at the door. $4/$3 (students/members/unemployed). Info: 383-8833. Open Mike.

MUSIC

THE GREATER VICTORIA YOUTH ORCHESTRA under Music Director Stuart Knussen presents a concert of the music of Richard Wagner. 8 p.m. at the University Centre auditorium. Tickets $5 general/$3 seniors and students available at Unicentre Box Office, Victoria Conservatory, Sinfonia Records. Info: 477-3870

SUNDAY 6

HAPPENINGS

THE NEWCOMBE PROGRAM presents three forest films totalling 1 hour, at 2 p.m. in the Newcombe Theatre, 675 Belleville Street. Free. For information: 387-5822.

MUSIC

THE UVIC SCHOOL OF MUSIC presents a concert of Canadian compositions and other 20th Century works. 2:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall. Tickets $5 adults/$3 for students, seniors and the disabled can be purchased from Unicentre Box Office and School of Music. Info: 721-7903.

FILM

DAYCARE SERVICES presents "The Wonderful World of the Brothers Grimm". Shows at 1 and 3 p.m. in the Cinecenta.

MONDAY 7

HAPPENINGS

THE CHANGING NATURE OF MEMORY IN ADULTHOOD is the title of a lecture by Dr. David Hultsch, Department of Psychology, University of Victoria at 8:15 p.m., Room 159 Begbie Building, University of Victoria. $2 at the door, students are free. Phone 592-2202.

UVIC CYCLING CLUB Annual General Meeting. Cornett B343 12:30 p.m. Any member may run for election of President and officers. Information: 721-9652.

"MAINTAINING A MEGAPROJECT: A WORKERS' PERSPECTIVE ON THE BUNTZEN-COQUITLAM HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT" is the topic of a lecture presented by the Geography Dept. featuring as speaker Dr. Bruce Prior. 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in Cornett B145.

THE DEPARTMENT OF FRENCH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE is hosting guest speaker Pierre Nepveu of the University of Montreal who will lecture on "Identite et pluralisme ethnique et culturel dans la litterature quebecoise des annees 80" 11:30 a.m. in Clearihue A307.

FILM

PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS' SOCIETY presents the PBS film, *Freud*, on March 7 in MacLaurin A144 at 6:30 p.m. followed by a discussion led by Doctors Payne and Tolman of the Psychology Department. Free and open to anyone.

TUESDAY 8

HAPPENINGS

A FREE LEGAL INFORMATION CLINIC will be operating today between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. in Begbie room 125.

DR. SHYAMAL BAGCHEE, visiting professor of English from the University of Alberta, will be speaking on "Thoughts on the Structure of a Very Uncomplex Word: The Uses of 'Things' ", at 1:30 p.m., in Cle D132.

WEDNESDAY 9

HAPPENINGS

"AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR WOMEN: SPECIAL TREATMENT OR NECESSITY" is a panel discussion featuring former Education Dean Norma Mickelson, Lansdowne Lecturer Mary Eberts, and Joan Grant, Employment Equity Manager for B.C. Tel. Room 159 in the Begbie Building. 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Free and open to the public.

"ROYAL PROCLAMATION 1763: ABORIGINAL TITLE" is a lecture featuring Pat Hutchings and Harman Foster of the UVic Law faculty. First United Church, 932 Balmoral at Quadra. 1:00 p.m.

"THE FORESTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA" is a visually stunning slide lecture with author Cameron Young who will describe the important rain forest ecosystem and the urgent need to care for B.C.'s old growth forests. Newcombe Theatre, 675 Belleville St. at 7:30 p.m. $2 FOPM/$1/12 and under free. Info: 387-5822.

ILEANE SEGALOVE, a visiting artist from Venice, California, who contructs radio works, will lecture at 8:00 p.m. in the M-Hut Gallery. For further info, call Linda Gammon at 721-8015.

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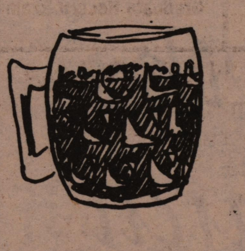

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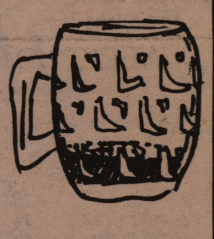

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Rallying 'round the rotunda

by Justine Hunter
BC PIRG Legislative Reporter

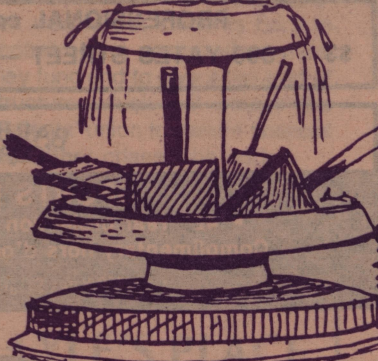
A week of protests and pointed debate re-opened the Legislature last week, with the NDP and special interest groups attacking the Social Credit government from all sides.

About 2,000 pro-choice demonstrators stood on the lawns in front of the Parliament buildings Wednesday, chanting "resign!" to Health Minister Peter Dueck inside.

It was the largest of four rallies at the Legislature in as many days. A small group of Friends of the Wolf faced off with a lone hunter Feb. 19, protesting the environment ministry's plans to kill wolves in northern B.C. They returned days later to take over Environment Minister Bruce Strachan's office, where one member chained herself to the minister's desk. Police arrived to remove them before they could speak to Strachan.

The Hospital Employee's Union had its day Feb. 22, when 200 union members set up a picket line to protest the lay-offs of 117 health care workers at Vancouver General Hospital.

The House returned Feb. 23 to complete the winter session, with several bills still on the table holding up the beginning of the spring sitting. About 150 members of the Coalition for Democratic Process protested "government by whim" outside, hours before the Legislature reconvened.



"We want to make education a higher priority than highways," Rev. Eric Stevenson, chairman of the Victoria Council of Churches, told the crowd. "We want health care for all, and to be as aggressively supported and protected by our MLA's as was Expo 86."

Inside, NDP MLA Moe Sihota started the mini-session off by charging the House had been misled on the $500 million Coquihalla Highway overruns. In a 75-minute speech, Sihota (Esquimalt-Port Renfrew) named six Socred ministers, including Premier Bill Vander Zalm and former premier Bill Bennett, who he said were responsible.

"This House and the public of this province were misled, and the Legislature lost total control over the expenses associated with the Coquihalla," Sihota said in his request for a committee to further inquire into the cost overruns.

Abortion dominated question period, and an angry Peter Dueck, Health minister, told the NDP their slogan should be "save the wolves, kill the babies." He later withdrew the statement and apologized.

Joan Smallwood, NDP MLA for Surrey-Guildford-Whalley, asked for an emergency debate on abortion but was turned down by Speaker John Reynolds. "This government's policy poses an immediate threat to the rights and freedoms of women in this province," Smallwood said. "This is a genuine emergency."

Dueck said he was surprised the question was raised, "I thought we wouldn't be dealing with abortions."

He said "I believe that the people of the province do not want abortions on demand . . . I have over 10,000 individual letters in my office in favour and less than 400 against what the government is doing."

Bill 28, an amendment to the Election Act, has been the main focus of debate in this sitting. The bill will eliminate section 80 voting on election day.

A section 80 vote allows a voter to register and cast a ballot on election day, which often leads to long line-ups at the polls on election day.

Three seats in the last election were tipped in favour of the NDP after the section 80 votes were tallied.

Victoria NDP MLA Gordon Hanson called the current electoral system anarchistic and said Bill 28 will make it worse.

"Just as the sun rises in the east and sets in the west, the Social Credit government some time within its term of office," Hanson said, "will take action in the House to tinker with the electoral machinery of this province . . . that will distort the democratic process."☐

Profs lead in campus radicalism

New Westminister (CUP)

Faculty at Douglas College occupied the campus' administration building last week in a "one day silent vigil" to protest the college's bargaining methods.

Over 100 faculty members were involved in the protest, with 10 professors taking one hour stints, according to Len Millis, president of Douglas College Faculty Association.

"The college is bargaining with the faculty on an individual basis rather than at a bargaining table," said Millis. "The college is bargaining in bad faith."

But Ross Cameron, chief negotiator for Douglas College, said faculty members have been approaching management on a one-to-one basis, asking questions about negotiations.

"The negotiation team is not under instructions from myself or management to negotiate with faculty," said Cameron. "The faculty is indulging in misinformation to members."

"The faculty is frustrated by the lack of negotiations and they expressed it in their demonstration," he added.

Faculty's collective agreement with the college expired 10 months ago. The faculty has threatened strike action in their push for wage parity with other B.C. college instructors although it was declared illegal by the provincial arbitration board.

The main stumbling block in the talks is the contract's hiring clause.

The college has final say on who is hired to teach and the faculty can only present a list of whom they consider the best candidates, according to a recent arbitration decision.

The administration insists that the college, not the faculty, should have the responsibility for hiring. But the faculty say the college is just looking for ways to save money while sacrificing the quality of instruction.

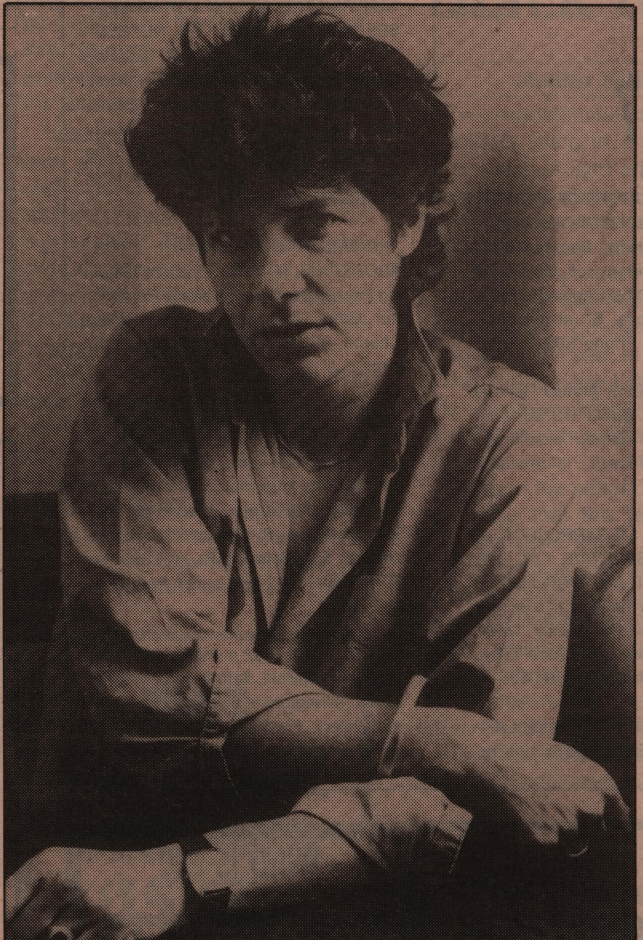
"The college wants to hire people with less experience at a lower salary," said David Reynolds, a lawyer for College/Institute Educators Association. "But the department should set the criteria of who is hired."

Anena Johnston, Douglas College's student president, said the students support the faculty.

"Instructors should be hired on the basis of quality not cost. We do not want the management to decide who gets hired," Johnston said.

"It's a question of priorities: the deans just got a raise," she added.

Last week, 500 Douglas College students rallied in support of the faculty.☐



undressing the myths of sexual equality

Susan Cole

feminist, writer, freelance journalist

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Library Development in Progress

by Mairi Johnson

Computerization, longer library hours, and a new head librarian; these are just a few of the far-reaching changes taking place in the library.

UVic Administration has hired a consultant to review all aspects and problems in the present library structure. All users of the library have been asked for input on library problems and needs and will be compiled in a report to the University Administration.

A library-user survey has been prepared by the student representatives to the Senate Library Committee. The survey asks for your input on library hours, resource acquisitions, computerization, incidental fees and other library services. The survey will be available in the library by March 1st.

In meetings with the consultant and the committee, the student representatives have brought up various areas of concern to students, for example, reduced library hours especially on weekends and in reserve reading.

The consultant's response was that our budget for service hour is designed to give only 40% to public service and 60% to other services. She said the reverse must be the case and can be done within the same budget with some reorganization. If 60% of services budget goes to public services reserve reading and overall library hours will be increased.

Access to the library for single parents and students with part-time employment was also discussed within the committee. For example, a single parent is greatly limited in time available to use library services. After classes she must pick up the children from daycare, take them home, feed them, get a babysitter and get back to reserve reading all before 7:45 p.m. This is not to mention costs incurred by the parent.

Summer library hours must also be increased in accordance with the increase in summer extension courses. The 12.9% enrollment increase in the regular session has forced many students to take summer extension courses, yet library services have not increased accordingly. To quote a faculty member: ''It's a shame when Athletics and Recreation is open for more hours than the library.''

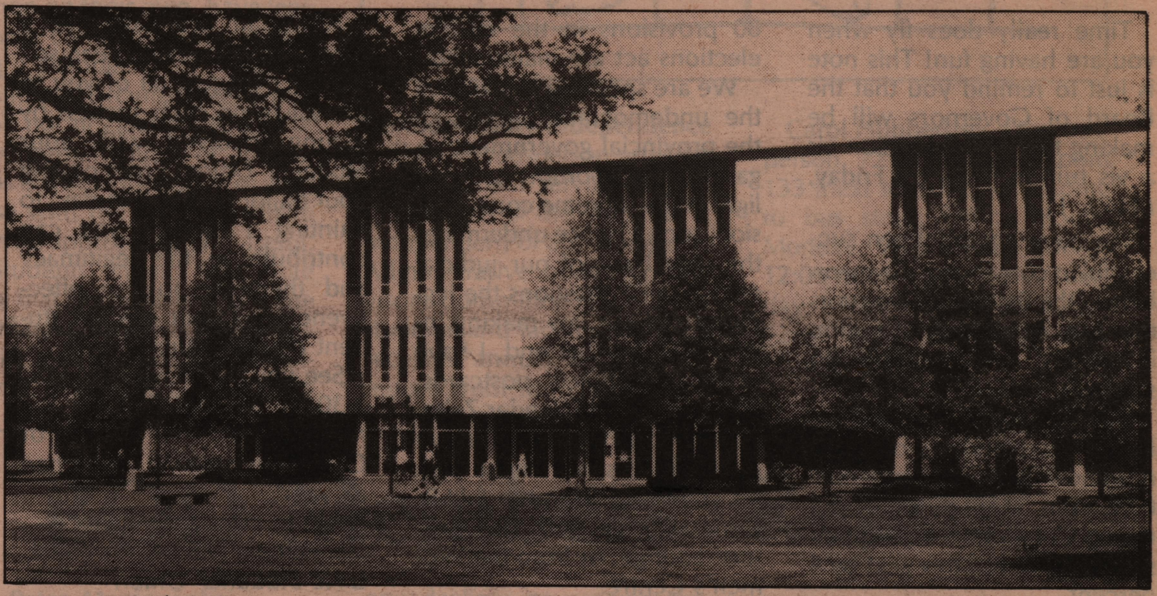
The library can be overwhelming to a 1st year student. Therefore the student representatives have asked the library to supply staff who can teach new students proper research methods. Everyone would benefit if students were taught how to do research within their 1st or 2nd year.

Computerization is another area where we should see dramatic changes over the next 4 years. Automation of the library is estimated at a cost of $4.3 million and will include almost every area of library services from the card catalogue to holds or recalls to book and journal orders. This system will be accessible on and off campus. A person with a home computer will be able to dial into the network from home, look up a particular subject or book, and if need be put a hold on it without even stepping a foot on campus. A student could access the network from the SUB or residences as terminals will be placed all over the library and campus. The funds for this project will not come out of the central operating budget so acquisitions will not decrease any further due to automation.

In addition to automation of cataloguing services, the library is expanding its CD-ROM facilities. These are large catalogues on disc containing references, abstracts, and sometimes full articles which may be easily searched by keywords (ie. One could find every reference containing Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and sociological implications). The user may then obtain a printout of the results of the search and save hours of cross-referencing in the stacks.

Another change is taking place in Administration. Dean Halliwell, head librarian is retiring and the president has established a search committee to fill the position. There are 2 student representatives on this committee so any potential candidate will understand the student's perspective on the library.

On a final note, anyone with suggestions for improving the library take the time to fill out the survey or contact Ben Dorman through the GSS or Mairi Johnson through the AMS.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY:
Susan Cole to Speak

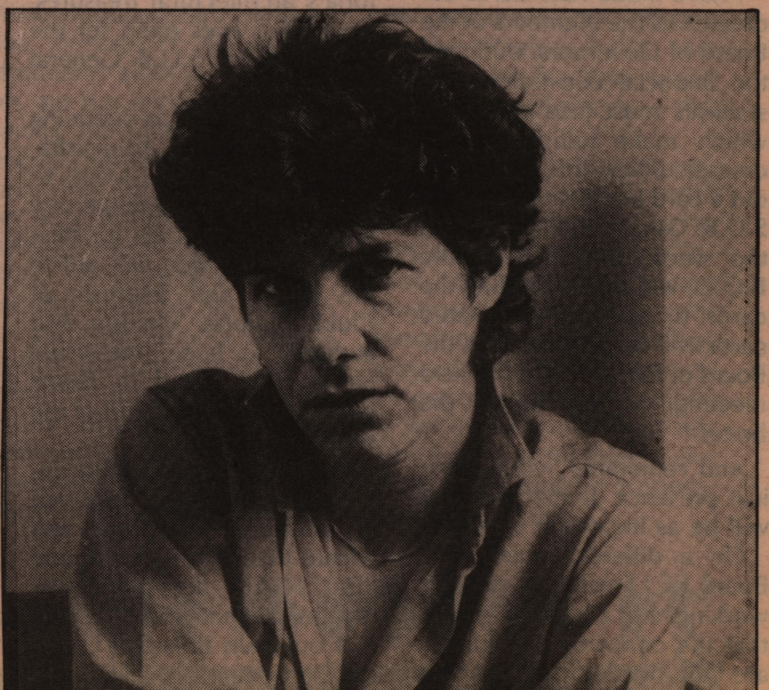
Susan Cole, born in Toronto in February 1952, began her career as a feminist while studying Greek and Latin at Harvard Univeristy in 1974.

Upon graduation, Ms. Cole returned to Canada to work as a Public Affairs researcher for TV Ontario. From 1976 to 1978, she did personal research for Peter C. Newman who later became editor of MacLean's Magazine. In 1979, Susan Cole co-founded a feminist review magazine called BROADSIDE to which she contributes articles on issues of violence against women, pornography, sexuality and mass culture criticism.

Cole is renowned for being a charismatic speaker who has debated Al Goldstein, publisher of Screw Magazine as well as Gwen Landolt, a member of REAL WOMEN.

Cole considers REAL WOMEN a ''dangerous'' group whose spokespeople are ''misleading.'' Feminists, she believes, were first to advocate pensions for homemakers and set up rape crisis centres and shelters for abused children. Moreover, Susan feels that pornographic magazines advocate female submission and male dominance, leading to degradation and de-humanization of women.

Susan Cole is available exclusively through: Canadian Programming Service, 171 College Street, Toronto, Ontario, M5T 1P7.



What's New at C.U.B.

by Doug Koch

Although the Campus Used Bookstore's fiscal state (i.e., the bottom line) will not be known for another month, I have decided to submit an outline of what I believe are some of the pros and cons regarding CUB. Let's start with the former. Some of the advantages. Some of the good.

For the most part, the present CUB operation works well. The store fulfills its major goal, which is to give students an opportunity to buy and sell used textbooks. The aim is to try and dent (official?) textbook-pricing policy. A student service, not a business — we do like to try and sell books cheap.

And, being a student service, CUB is willing to help out almost any student fundraising activity. The store displays, distributes and sells various student publications, Bridgehead tea and coffee, AMS mugs, dance tickets, raffle tickets, pledge sheets, t-shirts, and any other variety of student information. CUB has already sold one student's car stereo speakers, another's computer disc, a donated umbrella, and there is talk of someone setting up and selling a computer. Consignment rates range from nil to very reasonable.

Almost comfortable, CUB is kind of wholistic-like, with lots of different visuals and ''great thoughts'' about books arranged on the walls. And the music can be fairly described as eclectic.

The major complaint we receive is that some students over-price their books, which results in a slow turnover of books. Another problem is the expense of publicity. We have no advertising budget because, aside from the posters, it costs far too much money for anything but simple, yet reliable, word of mouth.

But worst of all is the dreaded and mischievious demon Theft, who's been known to play in the Building. The number of stolen books has decreased a lot since last year, but CUB must still try and account for them, and, for a non-profit service venture, that can get pretty expensive. Without any room to elaborate, it has been taken for granted that an improvement in the surveillance of the store (eg., a mirror) would only increase frustration and paranoia, strengthening Theft's game. Providing a service for the entire campus community, CUB is wholistic, not into the act of being untrusting and sneaky.

In conclusion, I invite all to drop in and use the service. Only in its second year, the store is starting to aid and influence the campus community. In the future, we anticipate an increase in space to enhance the operation of the different services next year. People need a good impression of the store. Maybe get a few plants. Lots of books. None over priced. And certainly CUB doesn't need much money to be a nice, dependable operation. What is needed is a bit of time and effort, which is what student services are all about, right?

Notes from the Executives

Time really does fly when you are having fun! This note is just to remind you that the Board of Governors will be making their final decision vis a vis tuition hikes on Friday, March 11.

We have already been successful in convincing the members of the Board of Governors that any indexation of tuition is simply unacceptable to students.

But the battle has not yet been completely won. We must now fight a recommendation from the University Finance Committee that tuition should be raised this year by 4 percent.

This will mean that tuition will have increased by 112.26% since 1980, and the cost per credit unit for a course at UVic will have increased from $42.00 to $98.00, making a year long course cost $294.00.

We can all make our opinions known by attending the Board of Governors meeting on Friday, March 11, at 1:30 in the Begbie Building (rm. 150).

I have made Post Cards addressed to the members of the Board of Governors, outlining the financial constraints that students must face everyday, which make tuition fee increases unbearable. Please fill out a card and deliver it to the S.U.B. General Office. During the week, members of the B.O.D. will be distributing the cards to classes. Completed cards will be presented to the Board of Governors at the next meeting, so the more, the better.

And remember, your physical presence at that meeting will be as important as ever.

On a different note, your Board of Directors has been working hard all year to ensure that the concerns of students are not overlooked. We are working to see that the Section 80 provisions in the current elections act are maintained.

We are speaking out against the undemocratic actions of the provincial government regarding the abortion issue. In light ~~of the~~ supreme court decision, such a stance undermines the very basis of our judicial system, and questions the legitimacy of our law making institutions. To that end, I have made 'pro-choice' postcards, addressed to Bill Vander Zalm, which I would encourage everyone to send. Please pick up your card from the S.U.B. General Office, from the Directors' Lounge, or from the Women's Centre.

Your Board of Directors has organized workshops from March 8 to March 11 in order to encourage women to become involved in campus elections. Watch for Susan Cole on March 8 (International Women's Day) at 12:30 in the Cinecenta.

We are working actively with the Chancellor of the University, Dr. William Gibson, on a proposal which would develop, maintain and enhance Victoria's architectural treasures. Keep your eyes open for the petition in the S.U.B. General Office.

Finally, we are co-operating with the University Administration, Faculty, and Alumni to develop a 25th Anniversary Welcome Back Gala for next September, which will utilize the talent and interests of Clubs, Course Unions and Students at large. Interested persons are asked to check with me before the end of the semester.

We have already seen unprecedented interest displayed in Board of Governor and Senate Elections with SIX and SEVENTEEN declared candidates respectively. I'm sure that our own Board of Directors Elections will be even more hotly contested.

All in all, we have had a fabulously successful year, so I am encouraging all of you to capitalize on such success by getting involved with your Students' Union. From casting your ballot on election day, to painting a banner, you can contribute to the legitimacy and therefore to the effectiveness, of your elected student representatives.

See you all on March 11, at 1:30 in BEGBIE 150 for the most important Board of Governors meeting we've had all year!

Yours in constant vigilance,
Ms. Pamela Frache, President,
UVic Students' Union

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Dear Fellow Students:

This semester has been an interesting one for myself and for all the members of the Board of Directors.

This semester we had one dance in January which wasn't very well attended but still all those present were in good spirits.

We hope to have a food drive in late March which will be held in conjunction with a dance at the SUB Upper Lounge.

The Keio Exchange Programme will be going on this year as scheduled. Application forms will be available at the SUB General Office as of March 1, 1988. All interested students should pick up one of these forms and hand it to me in SUB 135C (VP Services office).

Hope you all have a great year — good luck in your exams and it's been a slice working for all of you. Come out and support our fee referendum.

Yours in tremulas adulation,
Tino Selvedurai
VP Services
UVic Students' Union

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Hi! Just a quick run down on my activities since the beginning of the term. The speakers and conferences committee, spearheaded by Lise-Lotte Loomer, has put on a number of events including the Aids forum (Feb. 3 - 5). The Forum covered a number of issues surrounding AIDS including reearch, AIDS in the Workplace and Psycho-Social issues. We also had Phil Esmende from the South Pacific People's Foundation give an excellent slideshow on U.S. and French nuclear involvement in the Pacific.

Upcoming events include Susan Cole, the outspoken and controversial feminist, on March 8th, and Dr. Helen Caldicott, world renowned authority on the nuclear question, April 8th in the Unicentre Auditorium.

Just as a quick aside, the AMS had Provincial Museum fees reduced from $5 to $3 for students this year, so please take advantage of this discount.

I'm excited to announce the establishment of two new course unions, in Linguistics and Art History. If you take courses in this departments, get involved in your new course union!!

Remember that elections are coming up, which offers aother great opportunity for involvement. Running for, and participating in the BOD is an excellent experience which I would recommend to anyone.

Good luck,
James Tate
VP Academic

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The Alma Mater Society has occasionally been likened to a family, a family that suffers from the odd bout of domestic violence, but a family nevertheless. The AMS ''family'', of which you are a member, has been on a fixed income since 1980. In that time inflation has reduced the purchasing power of the Alma Mater Society by over 40 per cent. Not only that, but our ''landlord'' (the university administration) has raised our ''rent'' by charging for janitorial, maintenance, and hydro costs. Thus the AMS in effect can only afford, in real dollars, about half what it spent in 1980.

In this AMS Update there will be several articles detailing our financial crises. After you have read these articles, ask yourself this question: ''Does the Alma Mater Society, which is my students' union, actually need a fee increase?'' If your answer is no, then you now know why Bill Vander Zalm is Premier of Brit*is* Columbia.

The AMS cannot afford to expand the Student Union Building, improve the decor and services of our SUB Cafeteria and Bar, provide services such as the AMS Handbook free of charge, or go on lobbying for you, unless there is a fee increase. If you decide to reject a fee increase, then at our General Meeting on February 29, you will have a chance to decide which items from this year's budget should be cut for next year. We will need to cut about $100,000 in structural expenses from the AMS. So bring your financial cleavers and start hacking. So it will be up to you to decide, ''Should we still fund the Martlet?'', ''Should we cut off funding to all course unions and clubs?'', or, ''Should we just axe a bunch of staff positions including the AMS executives?'' All this and more will be yours to decide at our upcoming General Meeting. But one option will not be available to you: namely, letting the AMS drift towards unparalleled financial catastrophe.

Sincerely,
Michael Geoghegan
AMS Vice-President Finance

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Services Update

Appealing B.C. Student Assistance

Student Loan Appeals:

Ever since the B.C. government stopped giving full grants to needy students in 1983, students have had to meet rigid criteria just to get an education loan. However, the government allows you to ask for fair treatment when you try to get a loan. You can appeal the government's decision to not loan you enough (or any) money or to not give you the partial grant.

When you make an appeal, it is sent to an undemocratic, government-appointed committee for review. Here, students and government agents will decide your fate. This year, the B.C. government has accepted recommendations from the Canadian Federation of Students to have democratically-elected representatives of over 15 colleges and universities help to review loan appeals at this committee.

Appeal Your Loan:

It is essential that YOU APPEAL your student loan. The B.C. government's committee does not go out of its way to be fair to all students. ONLY students who make their own appeals will get full consideration. (Even though appeal decisions may affect many students in similar circumstances, the appeals committee does not publicize its rulings.)

It's worthwhile to appeal your loan: about half the student loan appeals have been accepted by the government committee, so far this year. If the government refuses your loan application (or any part of it), then you can appeal.

Additionally, when you make an appeal you support the claims of other students who are facing similar obstacles.

Tips:

You should base your appeal on any unfair treatment you feel you have received. Here are some general reasons for appealing that may apply to you:

- your own assets (or your parents!) are impossible to sell, or have low market value or are 'locked in' (ie. uncashable bonds etc.)
- you need more $ to properly care for your children
- your parents are about to retire or are retired, and can't help you
- you need some of your costly possessions (car, or even house . . .) to continue your education (for transportation, shelter, etc.)
- you have other unavoidable expenses; so, the government's claim that you have extra money is mistaken

Tips for Specific Cases:

- Single mothers receiving other government assistance AND who have been disqualified for the grant portion of the loan SHOULD APPEAL; minimal assistance granted by the government for childcare or survival is not "income."
- Students who received a B.C. student loan for out-of-province PRIVATE education in the 1985 summer, fall or winter, or 1986 early spring, AND who completed their education AND who were disqualified for the 25% "loan remission" SHOULD APPEAL for these reasons:
  - at that time, the standard B.C. government brochure did NOT say that students taking PRIVATE out-of-province education couldn't get "loan remission."
  - ALSO, we've heard that other students in these circumstances have received loan remissions.

How to Appeal:

Go to the Financial Aid Office — upstairs in the Unicentre — and pick up an appeal form.

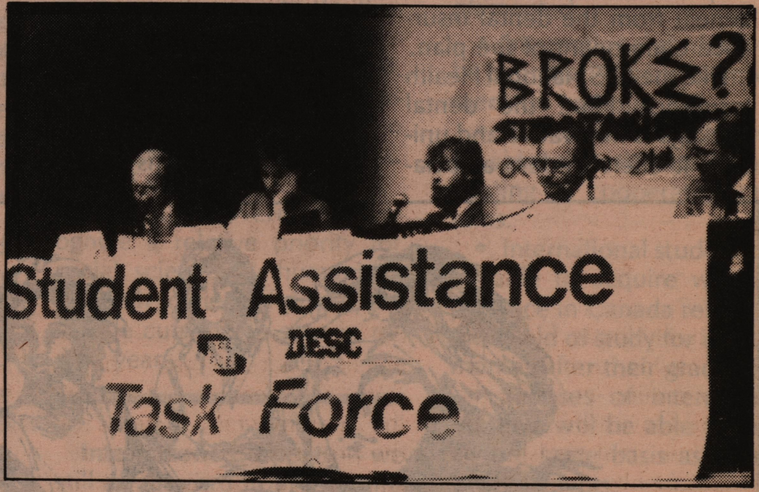
In addition to filling out the appeal form, you can take other measures. You can strengthen your appeal by asking your local MLA to assist you. Direct contact with Stanley Hagen, Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training, could also be useful. Contacting these people is a good idea if the rules seem overbearing and unfair.

If your appeal is turned down, you can always contact the B.C. Ombudsperson at: 387-5855. This government employee works to ensure that minimal standards of fairness are adhered to throughout our government.

Future Actions to Take:

You can help restore the grant system by participating in our Student Union and Federation campaigns and actions. By doing simple, but well-organized actions, we can make UVic open to all B.C. students — regardless of their economic plight.

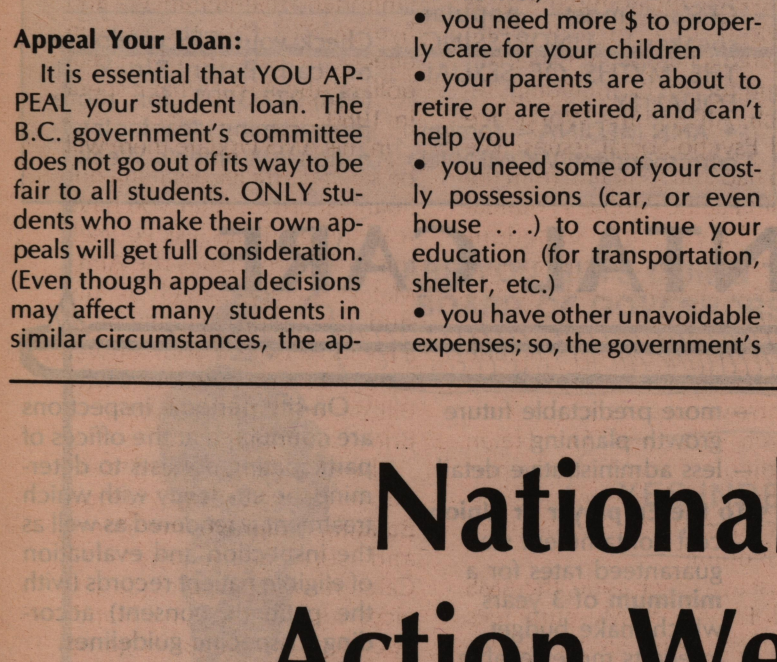
Right now, Rob Clift, Pacific Region chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students, is on yet another B.C. government committee to review the whole loan system. Furthermore, UVic and other campuses have succeeded in improving the present loan system by pressuring the government through massive pro-education campaigns during the last provincial election. All it takes is a tiny bit of effort.



National Action Week

In Memorial 11,000 students signed NWA postcards. In Victoria students dropped bottles into the Pacific Ocean with the hope that someone would pick them up. From coast to coast the NWA was a success highlighting our concerns over the federal-provincial funding arrangements.

At the University of Guelph, the administration cooperated with the Central Students Association to have a 2 hour university shutdown simultaneously with an awareness forum. U.P.E.I. student union held a wake and memorial service and took the Premier on a cutbacks tour of their facilities.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Elsewhere there were "Kraft dinners", graffiti banners and rallies. All in all awareness was heightened throughout the week, the message being very clear: *accountability and responsibility* is needed with regards to the present funding arrangements.

More details, news clippings and follow-up will be included the February mailing from the Ottawa Office.

Research Development Lobby Update

Research and Development

On January 13th at the National Conference on Technology and Innovation in Toronto, Prime Minister Mulroney announced that $1.3 billion would be made available over 5 years to the universities for scientific research and for scholarships in science and engineering. He also stated that money would be put toward the establishment of "centres of excellence".

The Prime Minister chairs the National Advisory Board on Science and Technology (NABST) and received reports from a number of NABST committees. One such committee chaired by Pierre Lortie, CEO of Provigo, recommended that the base funds of the three granting councils be doubled over three years. There was no indication of what monies would go to MRC, NSERC, and SSHRC in the January 13th announcement. Some recommendations that the Federation might consider are:

- that the Government implement the recommendations of the Lortie report concerning doubling of granting councils' base funds.
- that this doubling occur *before* the establishment of the centres of excellence.
- that the Government clarify its intentions as to the timing and amounts of expenditures of the $1.3 billion. (An election promise in '84 was to double R&D expenditures to 2.5% of GNP — today at approx. 1.36% of GNP.)
- that the Government recognize a relative priority for social sciences and humanities research in view of disproportionate cuts in this area in recent years.

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS UPDATE

Health Insurance Possibilities

The January 21 vote by students at the University of Regina to join the National Health Plan of the CFS represents yet another first for this innovative service of CFS. Regina students will not only join students at a number of universities who are covered by the CFS Health Insurance Plan but they will be the first students to benefit from the dental insurance component of the plan.

Like the CFS National Health Insurance Plan, the dental package is innovative and unique. It offers student associations the means to provide their members with a solution to the high cost of dental care. The plan encourages regular dental care by providing for diagnostic and preventative services, examinations, cleaning and x-rays at least once per year AT NO COST. To this base coverage, the student association can add varying levels of coverage for other dental services (i.e. minor and major dental surgery). The only cost to the student is the level of any co-insurance obligation set by the plan. Coverage under the plans varies between 10 - 75% for each area of dental services.

Currently the University of Calgary grads, University of Victoria AMS, University of Saskatchewan grads and undergrads as well as the Simon Fraser University Student Society are considering the possibility of implementing the health plan.

For more information about the CFS Health Insurance Plan and the Dental Insurance Plan contact: DAVID JONES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CFS SERVICES

International Women's Week

Canadian Programming Service
Plan now for International Women's Week
March 6 - 10

Working together with Canadian Programming Service, women's centres and other campus groups, your student association can make a valuable contribution to celebrations of International Women's Week on your campus by programming events which will raise awareness and generate discussion.

Canadian Programming Service represents a number of dynamic speakers ready to participate in your student association's International Women's Week activities.

Among them are:

- SUSAN COLE — feminist, writer, journalist (and one of CFS's most popular speakers); UNDRESSING THE MYTHS OF SEXUAL EQUALITY
- ANN MEDINA — foreign correspondent; WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD, WAR AND WOMEN
- KITTY MOLEFEE — Coordinator in Canada for the Women's Section of the ANC; WOMEN'S ROLE IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST APARTHEID
- MAUDE BARLOW — independent research consultant; FREE TRADE AND ITS CONSEQUENCES FOR WOMEN
- JANIS COLE AND HOLLY DALE — documentary filmmakers; HOOKERS ON DAVIE, P4W (PRISON FOR WOMEN)
- DR. HILLARY WASS — AIDS expert; AIDS AND WOMEN
- MARILYN BROOKS, fashion designer, business woman; WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Check your CFS catalogue or call Peter Block at (416) 977-3703 for more programming ideas for International Women's Week.

MANAGED DENTAL CARE

What is Managed Dental Care?

Managed Dental Care is an alternative to the traditional ''fee for service'' post-procedural based form of reimbursement for dental care services. The actual care itself is delivered in the same manner and to the same professional standards in both cases.

Managed Dental Care has often been referred to as a ''capitation'' system, because, under the arrangement one basis for compensating a participating dentist is by payment on a ''per capita'' rate rather than on an actual services-provided basis.

The Future Focus Health Systems, Ltd. Managed Dental Care programme is based on the concept of providing a satisfactory financial incentive to the participating dentist to obtain and then maintain a good state of dental health for a patient. On the other hand, fee for service alternatives tend to stress dental intervention to correct patient sickness.

The system works because of the recognized ability of dentists to predict and prevent dental disease.

How does Managed Dental Care work?

The Future Focus Health Systems, Ltd. programme is purchased by an employer or union as a group dental benefit for their employees or members. Once chosen, individuals covered by the group contract are offered the choice of either obtaining dental care under the Managed Dental Care programme and choosing a dentist from a list of participating providers, or continuing under the traditional fee for service plan with their present dentist.

Dentists choosing to participate in the Future Focus Network integrate the Managed Dental Care patients into their regular practice. The only distinction between these patients and the office's fee for service practice is the reimbursement mechanism. The care is rendered in identical fashion. One of the Managed Dental Care concept's clear advantages to dentists is accessing patients to a dental office, and then watching these patients become excellent sources of referrals for fee for service patients.

Once Managed Dental Care is in effect, the covered individual simply schedules visits with their selected dentist and has the necessary work performed. In certain plan designs, the patient may have some financial responsibilities.

The advantages of the Future Focus Managed Dental Care System include:

- **To the Patient**
  - — quality dental care based on maintaining health, not treating dental illness
  - — all specialty care available
  - — more comprehensive plan designs
  - — no claims forms or predeterminations to complete
  - — no wait for reimbursement by insurance companies
  - — access to quality assurance through peer review mechanism
- **To the Dentist**
  - — no constraints to providing quality care
  - — focus on establishing health, not treating sickness
  - — regular per capita payments provide guaranteed income flow
  - — access to a large base of patients
  - — potential for expanded practice through patient referrals
  - — more predictable future growth planning
  - — less administrative detail
- **To the Employer or Union**
  - — cost containment via guaranteed rates for a **minimum** of 3 years which make budget forecasts more reliable
  - — no cost transfer to employees
  - — elimination of dental claims form administration

Quality Assessment and Assurance

The Managed Dental Care program is dedicated to having only comprehensive quality care delivered to its subscribing membrs. Consequently, a system has been developed by which the quality of care being delivered in a prospective participating dental office is first assessed, and if selected, continually monitored to ensure that accepted professional standards are being maintained.

All procedures are recorded and statistically analyzed by Future Focus Health Systems, Ltd. to review not only the quality of procedures performed but the identification of aberrant practice patterns not satisfying established norms.

On-site periodic inspections are conducted at the offices of participating dentists to determine the efficiency with which treatment is rendered as well as the inspection and evaluation of eligible patient records (with the patient's consent) according to specific guidelines.

Patients have access to a system of **Peer Review** which handles patient-generated complaints.

In short within the Future Focus system an elaborate network of checks and balances has been formalized to ensure each patient receives high quality dental care service no less than one could expect to receive from a dentist regardless of the form of reimbursement.

To summarize — The Future Focus Health Systems, Ltd. Managed Dental Care programme can offer the following:

- — competitive rates
- — long term cost containment via a minimum three year rate guarantee
- — improved dental coverage levels
- — elimination of claim forms
- — quality assurance

Affirmative Action: What is it?

What is Affirmative Action?

Affirmative Action is a result-oriented program to increase the representation of minorities and women at all levels of the workplace.

Affirmative Action corrects employment systems which discriminate against minority groups and women.

Many employers unknowingly use employment practices that exclude qualified candidates from competing for positions in their organizations. As a result, employers do not always find the best person for the job and certain groups of people do not have the opportunity to fully realize their potential skills and abilities.

By implementing Affirmative Action programs, employers and unions or employee representatives eliminate those practices which fail to provide equal opportunity for everyone in the workplace. Neutral employment practices are adopted which allow the best person to get the job. Affirmative Action also includes special measures for women and minorities to ensure they can overcome the effects of past discrimination.

Like all other business objectives, goals and timetables are established by management and unions to enable results of the programs to be measured. Affirmative Action sets yearly targets for the hiring, training, and the promoting of qualified or potentially qualified target group members.

Affirmative Action is not discrimination in reverse. Affirmative Action is a special effort to bring into all areas of the work force those who previously have been excluded. Affirmative Action is designed to correct under-utilization — it is not designed to benefit women and minorities to the exclusion of other groups.

Alternative Employment Practices

Under Affirmative Action programs, employers use alternative employment practices to replace those which have resulted in discrimination against women and minorities. For example, object, job-related tests for employment selection and training are developed. As well, all job openings are publicized instead of relying on the "grapevine", thus ensuring that all qualified people are aware of available positions.

Systemic Discrimination

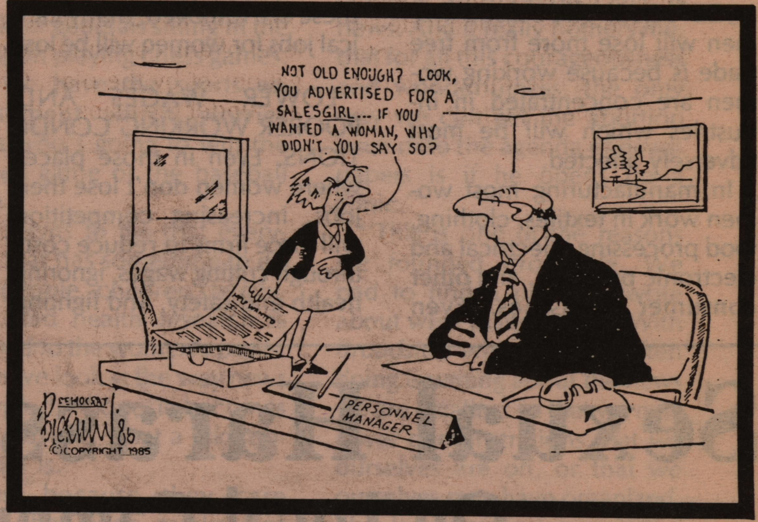
Employment discrimination used to be viewed as a series of isolated, overt acts which were an expression of an individual's or an organization's ill-will and prejudice.

Now, however, employment discrimination is also viewed as the product of employment practices and systems. This "systemic" discrimination exists even when there is not intent to discriminate.

Experts note that some employment practices, although equal in intent and application, actually discriminate against women and minorities.

For example, employers sometimes set unnecessarily high educational requirements for certain jobs. This eliminates many competent people, including natives, who are often highly skilled in the trades but are unable to compete for jobs they could perform well because they lack an academic background. Employers also sometimes use pre-employment tests as screening devices for potential employees. Yet, these tests are not always related to job performance. In some cases, people who do well on the tests are unable to perform on the job.

Affirmative Action programs eliminate systemic discrimination and thus ensure that employers have a more appropriate basis for the best utilization of human resources.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Native Students Report

The 14th Semi-Annual General Meeting marks the third anniversary of the Indigenous Students Caucus, well if you want to get technical, the third semi-annual meeting. In general, the members felt that the meeting was a great success. We hope that the delegates who attended the meeting are now more aware of native issues and that they will pass their knowledge onto their schools.

The caucus members received tremendous support from many of the other delegates in literally all ventures that it pursued.

There were many issues of concern, the most important being the interim changes made to the E-12 Circular. Because of the effects of this issue, Indian Post Secondary Education and it's availability have reached a crisis level (as if it wasn't bad enough before!). We lobbied the government and the opposition parties to abolish these policies. We met with Howard McCurdy (NDP) as well as with Keith Penner (Liberal) the day before we lobbied and received a commitment from both these parties that they would move towards the abolition of the E-12 and its devastating effects on Indian Education. David Crombie (PC) however was less co-operative, Bill McKnight even more so.

Other issues raised were:

CONSULTATION: Consultation between the Gvmt. and the First Nations has been promised for some time but has yet to be carried out.

RECOGNITION: Stemming from the previous issue was the importance of being recognized as a distinct nation. Because we feel that our aboriginal rights will probably never be firmly entrenched in the Constitution it is imperative that Indian people at least attain a counted vote in how the Gvmt. handles our resources, which we don't have at this time.

NETWORKING: The importance of networking with other native groups could not be stressed enough and strategies were formulated of how we would do this.

FUNDING: Concerns were raised over the separate funding of E-12 and C-31 students. Although they are funded separately right now there is fear that the two groups will be assimilated under the same budget in the future; the Budget capped at a modest 93.7 million dollars, an amount already found insufficient.

DIA: The downsizing of the DIA (Department of Indian Affairs) which is starting to take place and the reallocation of now available monies into non-native affairs; a practice obviously not approved.

Bill C-31: Issues too numerous to list were addressed by the caucus.

REPRESENTATION: The necessity of having more native delegates was painfully apparent at this meeting and a motion was made to change the number from five per year, to five per meeting; allowing one representative from each region to attend.

VOTE: Another motion was put to, and passed through a committee that the Indigenous Students Caucus and its member delegates be afforded the right to vote in committee meetings.

Many thanks to the delegates present at the November '87 Meeting and their help in recognizing the caucus as a group of importance and special thanks to Chantal Phillips who gave invaluable help to the caucus and its members.

Member Delegates: Rebecca Wolfe, Rep. of Langara Native Student's Group; George Littlechild-Price, NCSAD; Rock Matte, University of Ottawa.

International Students Update

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Federal Policy Confused

It is a very busy time for the Canadian Federation of Stuents. Since the National Forum on Post-Secondary Education, we are dealing with student summer employment, student aid and research. if we're dealing with these, so is the federal government with great confusion.

On the one hand, there is an implicit assumption by politicians that students should bear some of their educational costs. At the same time, the Minister of State for Youth is providing us with an employment program that never will allow students to fund their education. Currently, parents are assumed to provide funds for their children; the proposed tax reform eliminates child tax exemptions if the child is over 18. Get the impression that the politicians don't talk to each other?

The purpose of this assessment was not to encourage cynicism. Rather, it strengthens the need for involvement by students at all levels. Please contact your MP about these problems. You can be guaranteed they are just as perplexed as you. Who knows, with pressure by you, they'll probably look into it.

TONY MACEROLLO
CHAIRPERSON

Canadian Federation of Students

Women Against Free Trade

From the National Action Committee on the Status of Women

Why Free Trade will harm women: It is vital that women speak out against free trade because we will be most affected and can least afford bearing the "cost" of free trade adjustments.

It will Mean:

JOB LOSS. The reason women will lose more from free trade is because working women are concentrated in industries which will be most adversely affected.

In manufacturing most women work in textiles, clothing, food processing, electrical and electronic products, and other consumer industries. Even government studies admit that the jobs in these industries are most at risk.

In the service sector, where the majority of working women are concentrated, jobs are threatened because many restrictions on the provision of services from outside the country will be removed. For example, in the case of data processing, there are many laws which require that data be processed and stored in Canada. When these are removed, many clerical jobs for women will be lost.

LOWER WAGES AND POORER WORKING CONDITIONS. Even in those places where women don't lose their jobs, increasing competition will force firms to reduce costs through cutting wages, ignoring health and safety, and fighting legislative protection which ensures equal rights for women.

They will do this because their major competition under the agreement will be located in U.S. states with no minimum wage, poor labour legislation and very low levels of unionation.

POORER ACCESS TO SOCIAL PROGRAMS. The Canadian tradition of providing services to people through publicly supported facilities is jeopardized.

The agreement says that U.S. firms must be given equal treatment in Canada and implies that they must be given equal access to public funding. The result will be a great drain on our tax dollars and an increased tendency for certain services, such as health care and child care to be shifted to the private sector.

When services are delivered through private means, they tend to be less accessible and more expensive.

WHAT WOMEN CAN DO. It is important that everyone understand what free trade is about. You can help in many ways: tell your local M.P. of your opposition to free trade, give your support to activities in your community against free trade, help NAC fight free trade through a financial contribution.

For women and free trade the costs of the agreement are immense. Women are last-hired, first-fired. Women are particularly vulnerable because 42% of all females employed in manufacturing are in the six industries generally considered most vulnerable under free trade. In the service sector, well over 80% of its employees are females. Free trade in service threatens: telecommunications, health services, advertising, marketing, management consulting, personal financial services, motion pictures, leasing, accounting, building related services, technology maintenance, education services, legal services, travel and tourism, utilities, franchising and data processing and other computer services (The Last Canadian Christmas, CANADIAN DIMENSION, Nov./Dec. 1987).

Contact: The National Action Committee on the Status of Women, 344 Bloor Street West, Suite 505, toronto, Ontario, M5S 1W9

Sexual Harassment Policies Needed

On Local Campuses

Sexual harassment is a form of discrimination that affects all members of society. It can happen to anybody, male or female. It usually involves a power imbalance and it can take many forms.

In a learning institution its impact can be debilitating not only for its victims but for the entire work and study environment in which it occurs. Such behavior can create an atmosphere that is intimidating and hostile.

What does this mean for Canadian universities and colleges? A recent conference convened by Concordia University provided many of the answers.

Sexual Harassment: Out of the Closet?, the third annual national conference on sexual harassment, was sponsored by Concordia's Office on the Status of Women, the Montreal Women's Y and the Montreal-based Help and Information Group on Sexual Harassment at Work, Inc.

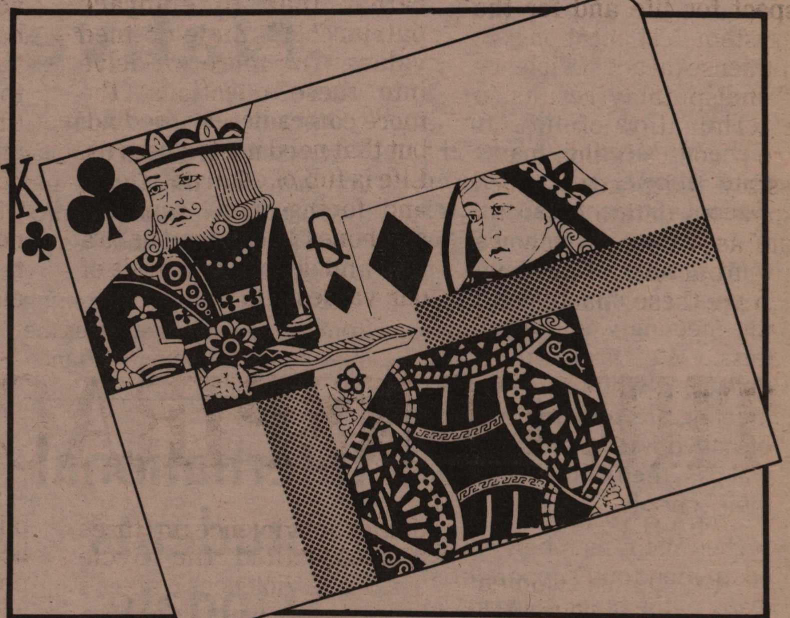
The three-day program included sessions on identifying and addressing sexual harassment, establishing effective policies and procedures, mediation, a case history of a formal complaint, education, union relations and building a national profile. The roster included Canadian and American speakers.

The message the speakers delivered was clear. Canadian university students and staff have a right to study and work without fear of sexual harassment.

Outside the academic community some corrective action has been taken legislatively by courts and human rights agencies.

A recent Supreme Court of Canada decision determined that employers are responsible if sexual harassment occurs in the workplace, and the issue has been addressed by most provincial governments through legislation or regulations. Although the Canadian Human Rights Act was amended to include protection from sexual harassment, it covers only federal employees. However, it is expected to act as a guide for legislation throughout the country.

At the institutional level a strong visible policy on sexual harassment would be a positive first step toward prevention and is clearly in the campus interest, conference participants said. A good education program would help to heighten awareness of the problem. Establishing internal procedures to handle complaints, both formally and informally, would reduce the possibility of problems occurring.



Ruth Selwyn of the Women's "Y" in Montreal and Isabelle St. Martin of the Help and Information Group on Sexual Harassment, co-sponsors of the conference, led the opening session on identifying and addressing sexual harassment. Their presentation reviewed and analysed sexual harassment in the classroom and the workplace, and discussions covered definitions, causes and effects, legal implications and counselling.

What became evident during this session and over the course of the three-day conference is that no simple or universally accepted definition of sexual harassment exists. What makes one person uncomfortable may not bother another.

In a broad sense it can encompass any objectionable emphasis on a person's gender. At the institutional level sexual harassment could be defined as repeated and unwarranted sexual comments, looks, suggestions or physical contacts that create an uncomfortable work or learning environment for a student or employee on a university or college campus.

Sexual harassment can be ex-

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See Jane Run

Student Associations across the province have joined forces to encourage women to run in Campus elections. If you would like to get involved, information and resources are available from your Student Association office, or contact the Canadian Federation of Students at 877-1839 (collect outside the lower mainland).

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SUSAN COLE:
The Myth of Objectivity

by Corinne Mol

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Susan Cole, cofounder of the Toronto based feminist newspaper, *Broadside*, spoke to a group of feminist writers Monday on the myth of objectivity.

''Objectivity is the biggest joke of journalism,'' she said.

Cole was once a researcher for Peter Newman (The Canadian Establishment). He told her, ''you can really write well, but only when you care about what you're writing.''

''Newman said this as though he thought I was doomed as a journalist,'' she said. ''He said this to me as a criticism because journalists are supposed to write objectively, write about things they don't have feelings about.''

Cole quoted Andrea Dworkin who said, ''objectivity means it doesn't happen to you.'' Cole said, ''An example of objectivity is when men write about the effects of the birth control pill. It will never kill them because they don't take birth control pills. What I'm saying is that as feminists we are going to be able to get to the truth because our life is on the line with some of these issues. And the simple fact that they matter to us is going to make for better, more coherent news reporting. That we mean what we say will make for better, not worse, news journalism.''

Cole stated that what is commonly thought of as objective newswriting is when you get a quote from one person and then you are obligated to get an opposing quote from another person. This creates the false impression that all the world is divided 50/50 on every issue. It is not, she said.

''I challenge journalists . . . journalists who call themselves objective are saying bad things about themselves . . . they are saying that they are blank slates with no opinions or feelings. So I think journalists who call ourselves feminists and care about what we write, and are dealing with issues where our lives are on the line, are giving journalism a good name,'' Cole said.

''When I look at the mainstream press, I notice everything that has to do with men is universal and everything that has to do with women is a one way ticket to the women's pages.''

''What is considered news? The stock market, the arms race, and sports. The stock market is a bunch of little machines with ticker tape. With the arms race we have a couple of generals sitting in the Pentagon playing chess games. And we have the sports establishment which worries about who's going to win the football game or the baseball game.''

''It seems to me that everything that has something to do with people, children, family, food, and health research is assigned to the women's pages. When we look at the way news is divided I hope it becomes more obvious what a joke objectivity is.''

''Just because they care about the stock market (or sports) doesn't mean I do. What's considered 'objective' news is what's happening with men. What is considered women's news is concerned with real people and is trivialized by ghettoizing it in the paper''

If you want to go into the mainstream world and write about women's issues you will encounter a lot of problems. You have to give it a news hook. For example, the fact that rape continues to go on is not news. Even the fact that women do not have access to the procedure called abortion is not news. Henry Morgentaler opening an abortion clinic is news. And it really bothers me, that for all this courageousness and wonderfulness, the only way we can get the abortion issue onto the agenda of newspapers is if he opens up a clinic.''

''This is one of the reasons we founded *Broadside*. We had to find a place to write about what matters to us. With *Broadside* what we are often doing is writing about the news we are creating, so that we may cover demonstrations that we ourselves are on, or that we ourselves may have organized. This is of course taboo in the mainstream press. There are pockets of sanity in mainstream press, publications that I can read without getting extremely annoyed. We wanted *Broadside* to be a place where we could write something and mean what we say, and not be accused of not being good journalists,'' Cole concluded.

Pro-Choice Update

What Can I Do?

Many people are upset and outraged at the arbitrary way Premier Vander Zalm has forced his anti-abortion fanaticism upon our province. If you want to help in the campaign to bring B.C. in line with the Supreme Court decision decriminalizing abortion in Canada, and to extend the availability of abortion to all women under provincial health insurance, NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT.

Here are *some* of the things you can do:

PHONE: the Premier's office — 387-1715; the Attorney General — 387-1866; the Minister of Health — 387-5394 to voice your opinion.

WRITE: these same people at: Legislative Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4.

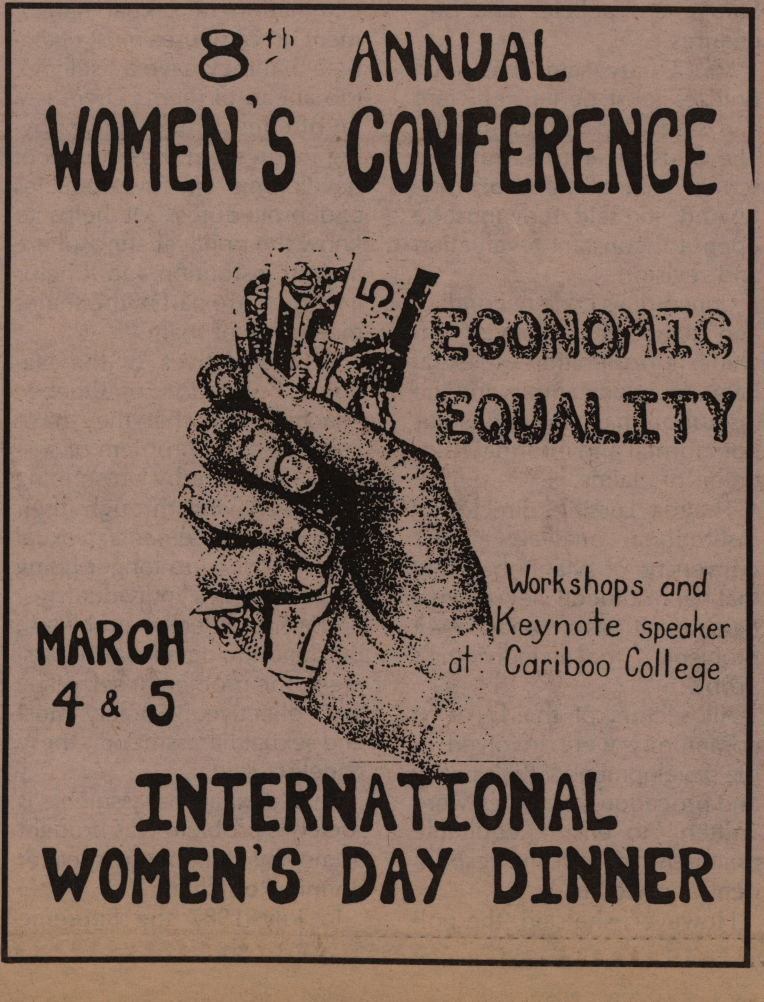
WRITE: to the British Columbia Medical Association, 1807 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 2A8, and urge them to take a strong stand on fully-funded abortions.

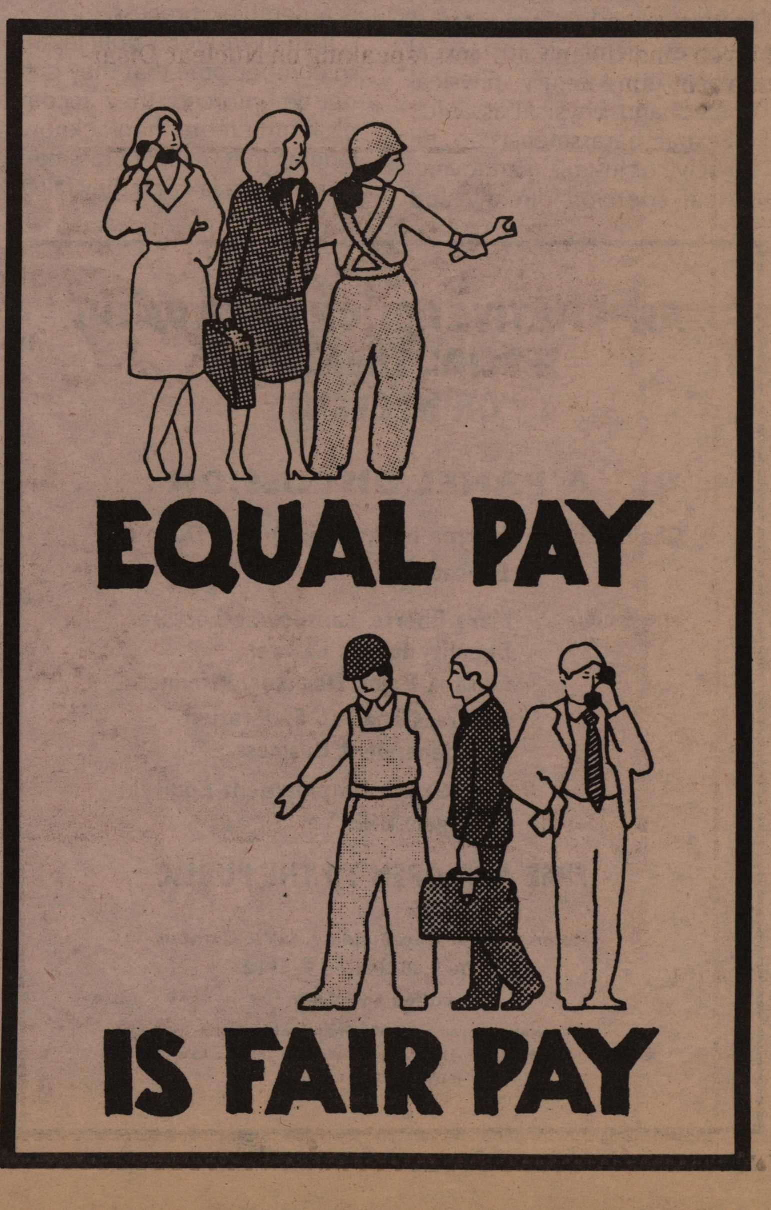
WRITE: to Jake Epp, Minister of Health and Welfare Canada, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0L1, and request that he withhold Federal Transfer Payments until B.C. conforms to the spirit of the Supreme Court decision. Write to the Prime Minister at the same address, and the leaders of the opposition parties. **Letters addressed to the Parliament Buildings don't need postage.**

PHONE: in to radio and television call-in programmes. Write out 2 or 3 sentences beforehand, so you'll feel prepared.

PHONE or WRITE: your MLA and your MP to register your concerns. Give opposition politicians support for a strong pro-choice challenge to the government. Ask your MP to pressure the federal government to enforce the concept of equal access. Their addresses and telephone numbers are all in the Blue Pages of your telephone book.

WRITE: to Revenue Canada and complain about the charitable tax status of anti-choice groups — **pro-choice groups have consistently been denied charitable tax status.** Their address is: Group Head, c/o Charities Division, Revenue Canada Taxation, 400 Cumberland Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0L8.





Affirmative Action:
Questions and Answers

What is "Affirmative Action"?

Affirmative Action is a result-oriented program designed to increase the representation of minorities and women at all levels of the work force.

Will Affirmative Action result in reverse discrimination?

No. Discrimination based on prohibited grounds is illegal. A majority representative has the right to file a complaint if he or she believes an opportunity has been denied because of discrimination. Unfortunately, as long as there are more applicants that there are jobs to be filled, those not selected tend to feel they have been "discriminated against". Any form of discrimination is an abuse of Affirmative Action and conflicts with the intent of the program. However, there are instances of individuals trying to undermine an Affirmative Action program by falsely telling unsuccessful candidates they were not chosen because "they needed a minority representative".

Is Affirmative Action a form of preferential treatment?

All selection is a form of preferential treatment. In every employment decision a preference is exercised when more than one candidate is being considered. It is acceptable to undertake special efforts to bring into the work force those who have been previously excluded on a class basis. Affirmative Action is designed to correct under-utilization — it is not designed to prefer minorities and women to the exclusion of other groups.

Does Affirmative Action mean lowering standards?

No. Affirmative Action *does* mean changing standards when it is found, for example, that minimum qualifications which screen out a disproportionate number of minorities are unduly stringent, are not job-related, and do not predict job performance. It also means developing selection devices which measure the skills required for the job instead of using artificial measurements which serve only to reduce the number of applicants and frequently screen out valuable talent. such changes result in an improved personnel system.

Are employers expected to hire the "less qualified" over the "more qualified" to meet Affirmative Action goals?

Employers are not expected to establish any hiring practices that conflict with the principles of sound personnel management. No one should be hired unless there is a basis for believing the individual will perform successfully. However, looking at any work force, it is obvious that the state of the art is not yet developed to the point where it is possible to predict who, among candidates, is certain to give the best performance once hired. The "best" or "most qualified" applicant is not necessarily the one with the most advanced degree or the most prior experience. The "best" or "most qualified" applicant may be the one who is highly motivated and has the ability to learn, and who meets the need to bring diversity into the system. The assumption that hiring minorities means sacrificing quality is unfounded.

Is there really any difference between 'goals' and 'quotas'?

Yes. There is a tendency among those who feel personally threatened by Affirmative Action to insist on introducing the emotion-packed word 'quota' where it does not belong. Quotas are rigid and exclusive — they infer 'this is what you must achieve, no matter what.' Goals are flexible and inclusive — they infer 'this is what we think you can achieve if you try your best'. Goals are simply program objectives translated into numbers. They provide a target towards which to strive, and a useful vehicle for measuring progress.

SAFE SEX
AND SEXUAL EMPOWERMENT
FOR WOMEN

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We are asking that interested women sign a sheet in the directors' lounge or the Women's Centre so that we have an idea of how many to expect. We are encouraging participants to donate a dollar in order to help cover the honorarium for Judith English.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

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pressed in a number of ways including verbal abuse, unwelcome remarks, jokes or innuendoes about a person's body, clothing, age or marital status, displaying offensive or pornographic materials, unwelcome requests or invitations (whether direct or indirect), leering or other provocative gestures, demands for sexual favors, unnecessary physical contact and physical assault.

Sexual harassment can be coercive or just plain annoying. Sexual coercion directly and tangibly threatens the student's or employee's academic or employment benefits or status.

While the intended aim of policies and procedures to deal with sexual harassment is to stop the objectionable behavior, assist the victim and eventually eliminate the problem from Canadian campuses, developing the right mechanisms is a complex process.

If an institution's policies are so cumbersome that they cannot be enforced, they accomplish little more than acknowledging that sexual harassment exists. If too lax or if they fail to provide adequate safeguards, particularly with regard to confidentiality, they could lead to litigation.

"No issue is more able to test the validity of a university's policies and procedures than the issue of sexual harassment."

The observation was delivered by Nancy Doray, code administrator with Concordia University, whose institution is now reviewing its code of conduct and academic behavior.

She was one of six panelists dealing with the topic of establishing effective sexual harassment policies and procedures.

Ms. Doray said that such policies must be fair, efficient and safeguard confidentiality. They must be able to withstand scrutiny internally and externally. And, she said, they must be open to constant evaluation and revision.

Concordia's code of conduct and academic behavior includes a prohibition of sexual harassment on campus and the institution has provisions for both formal and informal resolution of claims.

Thelma Lussier, director of institutional analysis at the University of Manitoba, said that her institution views sexual harassment "as a management problem . . . not an individual's problem".

All sectors of the U of M community were involved in the development of their policy and procedures and they were written "to ensure equitable treatment of both the respondent and victim".

However, she said, the policy and procedures were written "to have teeth". While they ensure a fair and open process and confidentiality is safeguarded, the university has made an annual statistical report on cases of sexual harassment mandatory.

The statistical report is made public and this serves a public education function, according to Ms. Lussier. Reports are made and the academic community sees that the university is doing something about the problem.

But, says Ms. Lussier, those working towards the eventual elimination of sexual harassment on campuses must recognize that they have a "selling" job ahead of them. There is a lot of consultation and lobbying involved in the process of developing effective policies and procedures. "It helps to know the political atmosphere at your institution and it helps if women are part of the senior management team."

Representatives of the National Federation of Quebec Teachers said that they have addressed the problem of sexual harassment by proscribing such behavior through their collective agreements. Sexual harassment is no longer being treated as an "individual response to a collective problem". By denouncing sexual harassment, the problem is seized by the collective. "Society must end sexual harassment", these panelists said.

That sexual harassment is society's problem was brought home by luncheon speaker Bonnie Robichaud.

In July 1987 the Supreme Court of Canada ruled in Ms. Robichaud's favor, holding the federal Defence Department liable for sexual harassment perpetrated on her by her boss. The court's ruling ended an eight-year legal battle.

The court ruled unanimously in favor of Ms. Robichaud, saying "only an employer can provide the most important remedy — a healthy work environment".

The ruling means that businesses governed by federal and provincial human rights legislation must create systems to deal with discrimination of all types.

The spillover effects of this decision are far-reaching. Ms. Robichaud says that all employers would be wise to put in place clear policies on harassment.

"Recognize that sexual harassment is a problem and put someone on staff to deal with it", says Ms. Robichaud.

For Ms. Robichaud, winning sexual harassment cases is not just a function of the courts. She is adamant: "It's a function of society."

And she is equally adamant when she maintains that just as an employer is liable for workplace accidents, the employer is ultimately responsible when an employee engages in workplace sexual harassment.

"The Supreme Court decision took sexual harassment out of the private domain and put it squarely into the context of the workplace", says Ms. Robichaud. "That situation which promotes or perpetuates sexual harassment must be eradicated."

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION FOR WOMEN:
SPECIAL TREATMENT
OR NECESSITY

A PANEL DISCUSSION

Chaired by: **Norma Mickelson, former Dean of Education, UVic**

Speakers: **Mary Eberts, Lansdowne Lecturer, Equality Rights Lawyer**
Oksana Exell, Director, Provincial Affairs, Canadian Federation of Independent Business
Joan Grant, Employment Equity Manager, B.C. Tel

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CHALLENGE '88

Funding Minimal

Challenge '88 — The Minister of State for Youth, Hon. Jean Charest, announced on January 12th that the federal summer employment program would receive $180 million in funding again this year. Our criticism was threefold. Our statement in the news conference on the afternoon on Jan. 12th dealt with the freezing of the funding (which has in fact been the same over the last 2 years), the inadequacy of the average gross income for Challenge jobs ($2,140), and the need for the Minister to form an advisory group to contribute to revisions in the program.

This last point is important and not yet fully pursued. With regard to the formation of an advisory group, we would like to see the participation of not only CFS, l'ANNEEQ and other representatives of students and youth, but representatives of Challenge program employers as well — both from the business sector and from the non-profit sector. We would like to point out that the program should be receptive to students needs for career-relatedness in summer employment and to the need for reasonable savings to put toward the coming academic year.

Research & Development got a favourable announcement on Jan. 13th at the National Conference on Technology and Innovation in Toronto. The PM stated that $1.3 billion would be made available over 5 years to the universities for scientific research and for scholarships in science and engineering. It was also stated that money would be put toward the establishment of ''centres of excellence''.

The Prime Minister chairs the National Advisory Board on Science and Technology (NABST) and received reports from a number of NABST committees. One such committee chaired by Pierre Lortie, CEO of Provigo, recommended that the base funds of the three granting councils be doubled over three years. There was no indication of what monies would go to MRC, NSERC, and SSHRC (Medical Research Council, Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council and Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council) in the Jan. 13th announcement. Some recommendations that we might consider:

- that the Government implement the recommendations of the Lortie report concerning doubling of granting council's base funds
- that this doubling occur *before* the establishment of the centres of excellence.
- that the Government clarify its intentions as to the timing and amounts of expenditures of the $1.3 billion (N.B. An election promise in '84 was to double R&D expenditures to 2.5 of GNP — today at approx. 1.34 of GNP.
- that the Government recognize a relative priority for social sciences & humanities research in view of disproportionate cuts in this area in recent years.

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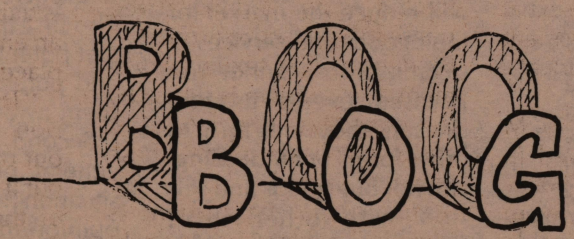


Because woman's work is never done and is underpaid or unpaid or boring or repetitious and we're the first to get the sack and what we look like is more important than what we do and if we get raped it's our fault and if we get bashed we must have provoked it and if we raise our voices we're nagging bitches and if we enjoy sex we're nymphos and if we don't we're frigid and if we love women it's because we can't get a 'Real'' man and if we ask our doctor too many questions we're neurotic and/or pushy and if we expect community care for children we're selfish and if we stand up for our rights we're aggressive and ''unfeminine'' and if we don't we're typical weak females and if we want to get married we're out to trap a man and if we don't we're unnatural and because we still can't get adequate safe contraceptive but men can walk on the moon and if we can't cope or don't want a pregnancy we're made to feel guilty about abortion and... for lots and lots of other reasons we are part of the women's liberation movement.

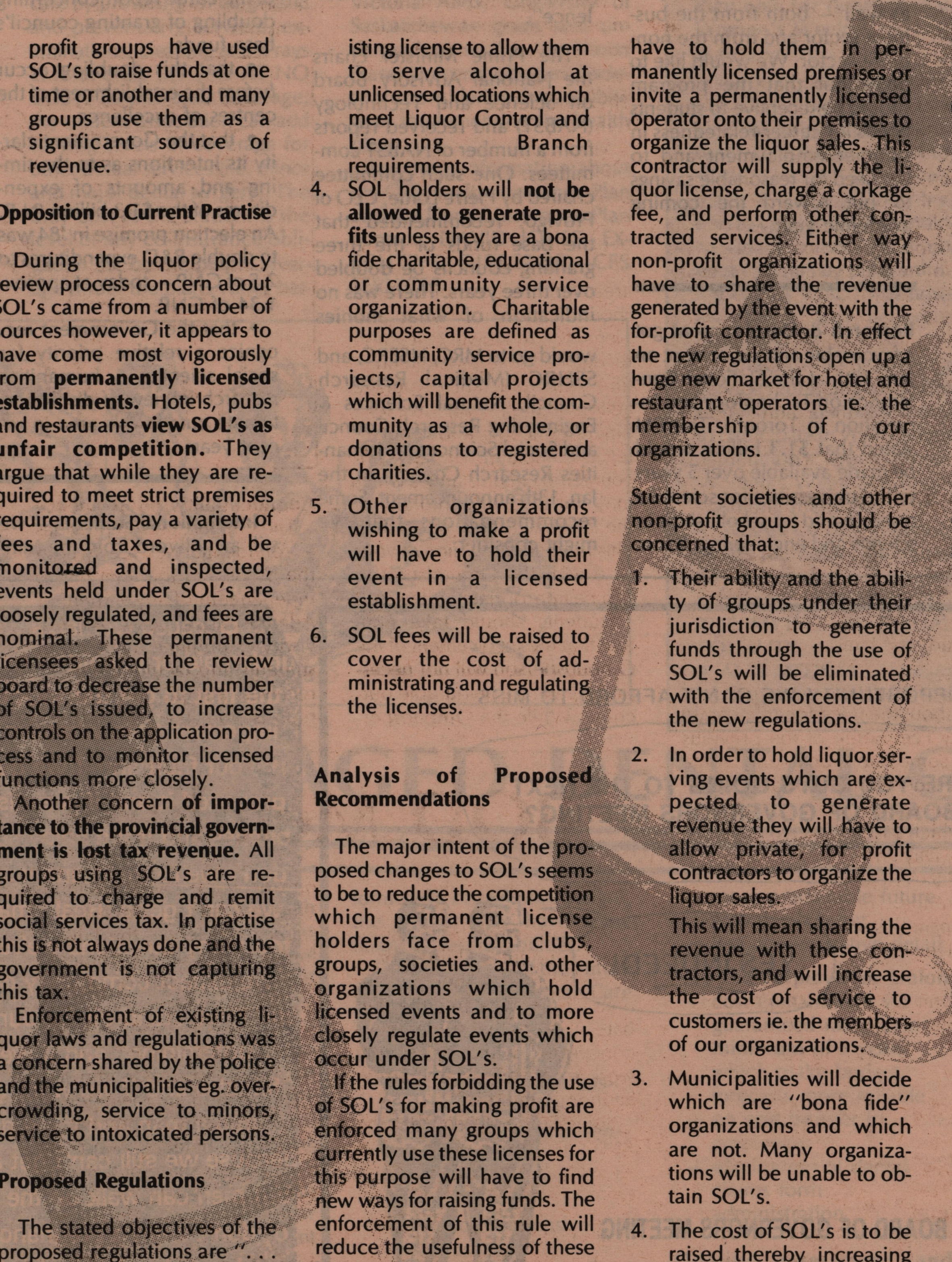
''It occured to me when I was 13 and wearing white gloves and Mary Janes and going to dancing school that no one should have to dance backwards all their lives.''

— Jill Rukelshaus

''You will do foolish things, but do them with enthusiasm.''

— French writer Colette to her daughter

British Columbia Government Threatens Special Events Licenses



Current Regulations

Under section 6 of the **Liquor Control and Licensing Act** a Special Occasion License must be obtained if liquor is to be served at special events held outside of a residence or a licensed establishment.

Currently there are two types of Special Occasion Licenses (SOL's). **Private SOL's** are required for social functions where attendence is limited to organization members, expressly invited special guests, or persons to whom advance tickets are sold. The fee for private SOL's is $5. **Public SOL's** are required for events sanctioned by municipal or regional governments. The public is invited and the fee for these licenses is $20.

SOL's are only made available to bona fide groups. Currently this is defined broadly and bona fide organizations include any club, group, organization or society which meets regularly or occasionally for a common purpose, be it social, fraternal, religious, sporting or community oriented.

SOL's are not intended to be used to make a profit for the group which holds the license. The Act states that no license shall be issued for the prime purpose of making a profit unless the purpose of the event is to raise funds for a bona fide charitable purpose. Charitable purpose has been interpreted broadly to allow groups to raise funds, so long as the funds are not used to "improve the well-being" of the group.

Current Restrictions and Problems

1. SOL's are not intended for use for events held on a regular basis.

   Currently, student societies and other non-profit groups are using SOL's to license regularly scheduled events such as bi-weekly pub nights or monthly dances.

2. Not all groups are eligible for SOL's.

   In some cases student societies or other bona fide groups will obtain SOL's on behalf of some other non bona fide groups they are affiliated with.

3. SOL's are not intended to be used to make a profit for the groups that hold them.

   In practise almost all non-profit groups have used SOL's to raise funds at one time or another and many groups use them as a significant source of revenue.

Opposition to Current Practise

During the liquor policy review process concern about SOL's came from a number of sources however, it appears to have come most vigorously from **permanently licensed establishments.** Hotels, pubs and restaurants **view SOL's as unfair competition.** They argue that while they are required to meet strict premises requirements, pay a variety of fees and taxes, and be monitored and inspected, events held under SOL's are loosely regulated, and fees are nominal. These permanent licensees asked the review board to decrease the number of SOL's issued, to increase controls on the application process and to monitor licensed functions more closely.

Another concern **of importance to the provincial government is lost tax revenue.** All groups using SOL's are required to charge and remit social services tax. In practise this is not always done and the government is not capturing this tax.

Enforcement of existing liquor laws and regulations was a concern shared by the police and the municipalities eg. overcrowding, service to minors, service to intoxicated persons.

Proposed Regulations

The stated objectives of the proposed regulations are ". . . to limit unfair competition with existing establishments, improve accountability and control, and ensure that functions are in compliance with the rules and regulations governing these licenses."

Summary of Recommendations

1. SOL's to be issued only to **bona fide oragnizations** authorized by the municipality.
2. Ongoing, or regularly scheduled events will no longer be eligible for SOL's. They are either to be held at licensed premises or served by a permanent licensee.
3. Permanent license holders will be able to obtain an endorsement to their existing license to allow them to serve alcohol at unlicensed locations which meet Liquor Control and Licensing Branch requirements.
4. SOL holders will **not be allowed to generate profits** unless they are a bona fide charitable, educational or community service organization. Charitable purposes are defined as community service projects, capital projects which will benefit the community as a whole, or donations to registered charities.
5. Other organizations wishing to make a profit will have to hold their event in a licensed establishment.
6. SOL fees will be raised to cover the cost of administrating and regulating the licenses.

Analysis of Proposed Recommendations

The major intent of the proposed changes to SOL's seems to be to reduce the competition which permanent license holders face from clubs, groups, societies and other organizations which hold licensed events and to more closely regulate events which occur under SOL's.

If the rules forbidding the use of SOL's for making profit are enforced many groups which currently use these licenses for this purpose will have to find new ways for raising funds. The enforcement of this rule will reduce the usefulness of these licenses for many groups and fewer licenses will be issued.

Depending on the definition of "bona fide organization", many groups which currently are eligible for SOL's eg. sports clubs, ethnic groups, and course unions, may be ineligible. Our best guess is that only registered societies will be defined as "bona fide" organizations. The new regulations also forbid a "bona fide" organization from acquiring a SOL on behalf of a non "bona fide" organization. Again the net effect of this regulation will be to reduce the number of SOL's issued.

If organizations want to hold licensed fundraising events in the future, under the new regulations they will either have to hold them in permanently licensed premises or invite a permanently licensed operator onto their premises to organize the liquor sales. This contractor will supply the liquor license, charge a corkage fee, and perform other contracted services. Either way non-profit organizations will have to share the revenue generated by the event with the for-profit contractor. In effect the new regulations open up a huge new market for hotel and restaurant operators ie. the membership of our organizations.

Student societies and other non-profit groups should be concerned that:

1. Their ability and the ability of groups under their jurisdiction to generate funds through the use of SOL's will be eliminated with the enforcement of the new regulations.
2. In order to hold liquor serving events which are expected to generate revenue they will have to allow private, for profit contractors to organize the liquor sales.

   This will mean sharing the revenue with these contractors, and will increase the cost of service to customers ie. the members of our organizations.
3. Municipalities will decide which are "bona fide" organizations and which are not. Many organizations will be unable to obtain SOL's.
4. The cost of SOL's is to be raised thereby increasing the cost of holding events.

Small businesses, especially bar caterers, food caterers, d.j.'s, equipment rental suppliers, and hall or facilities suppliers should be concerned because:

5. The restriction of SOL's will reduce the market for their goods and services. If organizations cannot run licensed events as fundraisers they will turn to other forms of fundraising, will not buy goods and services from some small businesses, and may actually enter into competition with other small businesses i.e. bake sales, candy sales, bottle drives, etc.
6. The ability of current established license holders to obtain an endorsement of their licenses to allow them to serve liquor in unlicensed premises will put them into direct competition with the small businesses that currently serve this market.
7. Under the new regulations groups wishing to raise funds are encouraged to hold their functions in currently licensed facilities.

The general public should be concerned because:

8. We or our children all belong to groups which currently use special occasions licenses to raise money to fund our organizations. Without this source of fundraising these organizations are in jeopardy.
9. These new regulations, by requiring the use of private for profit contractors, will increase the cost of liquor, entrance fees and other services at social events.

The police, and community officials should be concerned because:

10. The new regulations may force groups to hold small fundraising events underground. It may be simpler and more cost effective for groups to take their chances and not apply for liquor licenses at all.
11. Some groups which are not defined as "bona fide" will inevitably hold events at which liquor is served illegally.

What is to be Done?

For the most part groups which are to be affected by the proposed new regulations are unaware of the proposals or are unaware of the effects of them. The first thing to do is to contact potentially affected groups and potential allies and make them aware of the problem.

Second, we have to make the general public aware of the situation and try to sway public opinion in our favour.

Third, we have to contact public officials at all levels and bring our concerns to their attention.

UP AGAINST THE WALL?

A Message from your Ombuddy

Functions of the Office of the Ombudsperson

The Ombudsperson has three distinct roles to play:

1. To Act as an information or referral source for students.

The Ombudsperson can provide directions on procedures or regulations affecting students, gather information not easily accessible to students, refer students to persons able to resolve the problem, or assist in the use of appeal procedures.

2. To act as a facilitator.

Where necessary or when requested, the Ombudsperson will facilitate communication on specific issues between students and administrative staff or faculty. The Ombudsperson can sometimes help directly where no appropriate or apparent University officer or procedure is available.

3. To make recommendations in specific cases.

Where appropriate the Ombudsperson can recommend general changes to procedure affecting students. In limited circumstances the Ombudsperson can stimulate discussion of wider institutional issues.

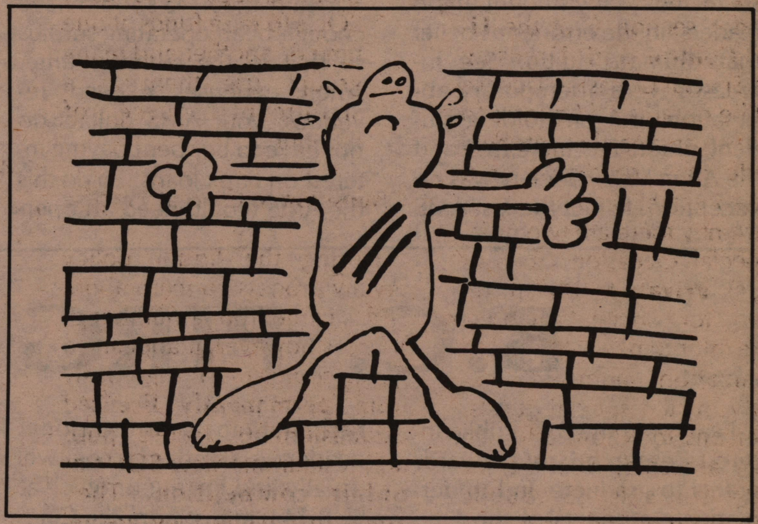
Consult the Ombudsperson

- if you are unsure about which university policy or procedures apply to your situation.
- if you require assistance or information in appeal a grade, academic decision, admissions decision, request to withdraw, etc.
- if you feel you have been the victim of sexual harassment and are unable to get hold of one of the sexual harassment advisors.
- if you have a specific problem or complaint which you think cannot be resolved by following regular University procedures.
- if you have a problem which requires someone to help negotiate a solution or to help facilitate communication between you and a member of the University.
- if you feel that particular University policy or regulation has been applied erroneously or unfairly.
- if you have issues of a non-academic nature such as day care subsidy, questions about the landlord/tenant policy, housing problems, immigration difficulties, DIA appeals, etc.
- if you simply want someone to review your (written) appeal, or need someone to help focus you on what it is you want to say.

The Ombudsperson Can Help You

Most cases and complaints can be handles through normal academic or administrative channels, Academic advisors, department heads, and deans of faculties all have specific areas of responsibility and should be consulted when problems occur. However it is also recognized that students sometimes are reluctant to pursue action on their own, have legitimate concerns about pursuing a complaint, or have encountered circumstances which may not fit clearly into any of the normal routes of appeal. This is when discussion of your case with the Ombudsperson can be appropriate and useful.

Students should take note too, that the involvement of the Ombudsperson will not necessarily lead to a favourable outcome. While the Ombudsperson can assist in cases or clear the way for an appeal, the final decision is ultimately in someone else's domain. There may also be times when it will be necessary to inform a student that the do not have a case, or that they are fully responsible for their own predicament. That is because along with rights go responsibilities and every student has both.



Confidentiality/Independence

The Ombudsperson provides a confidential service (within the bounds of the law) that is independent of any student or Administrative body. An Advisory Committee made up of students and faculty members receives annual and interim reports from the Ombudsperson and provides direction as requested.

The Ombudsperson operates in an advisory capacity only and does not have the power to compel change or to require participation with the Office. It relies instead on the *cooperation* and goodwill of students, faculty and staff in working towards resolution of problems or facilitation of change.

Carol Hubberstey, Ombudsperson, 721-8357. SUB Room 133 (next to exit door leading to bus stop). Office Hours, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Schedule may change: call first)

AMS Fee Facts

To: The Members of the UVic Students' Union
Re: A.M.S. Fee Increase

Much has been said and written about the need for an increase in the Alma Mater Society Activity Fee. Some of the previous statements have been political, some emotional and some theatrical. I would like you to consider some factual material which I believe you will find persuasive. Currently your A.M.S. Activity Fee is $23.00 per term of which $10.50 is devoted to the support of B.C. PIRG, CFUV Radio, Daycare Services, Canadian Federation of Students and the W.U.S.C. Refugee Program. These are programs you voted for in referenda. This leaves the A.M.S. $12.50 per term to work with. Compare this operating figure with some other costs of attending University.

	1981/1982	1987/1988
Tuition	$ 42.00 per unit $ 630.00 per year	$ 94.00 per unit $1,410.00 per year
Residence Room & Board	$1,830.00	$2,930.00
Book Estimate	$ 200.00	$ 325.00
Graduation Fee	$ .00	$ 25.00
Athletic and Recreation Fee	$ 7.50 per term	$ 10.00 per term
A.M.S. Operating Fee	$ 12.50 per term	$ 12.50 per term

The only cost which is even remotely close to its 1981/1982 level is the Athletics and Recreation Fee. However, when you recognize that the University matches your student contribution on a two for one basis you find the actual amount devoted to Athletics and Recreation per winter session has risen from $45.00 per student to $60.00 per student.

When you voted no in the last referendum I think you were probably asking; why does the A.M.S. need more operating dollars?

The answer is clear. Our costs have risen just like those of other sectors of the University. We have the best record of fiscal performance and we need your support. We have staved off asking you for an increase as long as we could.

I hope you will think about the issue and I look forward to your recognition that a fee increase is not only necessary but long overdue.

Yours truly,
David C. Clode
General Manager
UVic Students' Union

BOD Members' Report

by Peter Atamanenko

We can either be a democratic Students' Union, or a business union. Within our Student Union, we can either debate all issues that students are concerned with, or simply work to advance our narrow economic interests.

Some students feel that the AMS's actions on public issues — such as the Canadian government's new anti-refugee law — are misplaced. These Student Union members only want the AMS to negotiate a better tuition price and provide cheaper coffee.

However, to be truly demoratic, our Students' Union must represent the will of the majority of the students — even if most students are not simply selfish but are socially aware. There are also strong, direct benefits for all students that come from Student Union action in society at-large. Our tuition fees at UVic are directly connected with the broader organization of our society.

As our private-sector economy declines, government funding for social programs is squeezed. Hence, the cuts in funding at UVic are compensating for the failure of corporate business to provide a reasonable tax base. Multinationals operating in B.C. are using their extra cash to improve their position in the international economy by purchasing expensive hi-tech — not by paying a fair share of taxes for everyone's benefit.

Let's not kid ourselves: the strong multinationals, which even operate in economic sidestreams such as treeplanting, are not interested in improving the whole minds of people. The shift from a "Ministry of Post-Secondary Education" to a "Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training" reflects the goals of a government that fears the movement of multinationals out of B.C. into more profitable social conditions. To keep business conditions competitive in the multinational economy, governments try to ignore the voters' wishes and pander to narrow, corporate interests.

These points emphasize the need for broad social involvement by our UVic Students' Union. If we sincerely want accessible education for people, we have to become more active in democracy. Likewise, if we want to have a decent society to live in, then we've got to secure basic human rights for all people. By supporting the B.C. Federation of Labour's General Strike and the Stein Valley Native Rights Rally in 1987, and the Women's Reproductive Rights Rally this February, our Students' Union is working for all citizens — that includes us.

This difference between narrow interests and broader democratic concerns is also important in the strategies our Student Union uses to secure lower tuition and fair government funding. We can endlessly plead for public support; or, we can show our responsibility by working constructively with the public for other major social goals, and for properly-funded education.

Students' Union or Business?

by Michael Geoghegan
AMS Vice-President Finance

The Social Credit government's restraint package of the early 1980's hurt not only students but student organizations. With the cutting of student aid grants and doubling of tuition fees enrollment rates stagnated. Many student union leaders, in the erroneous belief that dramatic tuition fee increases were a temporary aberation, put off holding student union fee increases and the Alma Mater Society was no exception. In fact the last AMS fee increase was held in 1980. Since that time inflation has reduced the value of a 1980 dollar to 58 cents in 1988. This coupled with new cost-recovery charges from the university for janitorial, electrical, and maintenance services have put the AMS in a financially precarious position.

Ideally the AMS should have enough of an operating surplus so that in the summer time, when expenses exceed revenues, your AMS dollars do not have to be spent paying interest on bank loans. To do this the AMS would need an operating surplus of $125,000. In 1986 the actual surplus stood at $66,000 and by 1987 it had declined to $39,000. Thus if the trend continues, the AMS will be financially insolvent (unable to pay all its debts) within two years.

This is where you as a student, and as a member of the Alma Mater Society, have a decision to make. Do you wish to see your students' union continuing to lobby for, *and getting*, improvements in student aid, reductions in proposed tuition fee increases, and increased library hours? Do you want the AMS to go on providing *free of charge* a student handbook, student directory, Martlet, Ombudsoffice, and a host of other services? Or do you want the AMS to become just a student business, in which any service we provide is done on a cost-recovery basis?

The future of your students' union, the Alma Mater Society, is in your hands. This semester, at either a general meeting or by referendum, you will be asked to vote for an AMS fee increase. This fee increase will not make up for all the losses since 1980, but it will enable the AMS to continue providing, and improving, services you've come to enjoy and rely on. Next time you're in the Student Union Building, or flipping through your AMS members handbook, have a look at all the services we provide and all the students we employ and ask yourself, "isn't all this worth another $5.00?"

With your support the Alma Mater Society will go on improving the quality of life at UVic. So come out and support your Students' Union: The Alma Mater Society.

B.C. PIRG Working For You

Every year the B.C. Public Interest Research Group awards grants to graduate and undergraduate students of the University of Victoria for expenses to attend a conference or to carry out research. If you would like to apply for one of these grants, come and talk to our Executive Director, Dr. Josephine Payne-O'Connor. Dr. Payne-O'Connor is on staff to ensure that research is carried out to a professional academic standard. You will usually find her at our office at SUB 144, across from the Cinecenta. Dr. Payne-O'Connor will also take you through the comprehensive application form to ensure that you have no problems with it.

Your application will then be presented and discussed at the next meeting of the Board of Directors, who have the responsibility of deciding on the applications; these meetings are held every two weeks. The Board of Directors is composed of students, your peers, from different departments and faculties who provide a wide cross-section of knowledge and experience; Political Science, English, Geography, History, Astronomy and Biology are some of the many subjects represented on the Board.

The Board of Directors will focus on the public interest in your conference or research. For example, will your research bring to light new information that the public can benefit from, or will your conference better equip you to deal with a public issue?

Next, the Directors will look at the completeness of your application, the thoroughness of your preparation and the logic of your approach. Lastly, they will examine your costs for reasonableness. Salaries are not funded but expenses such as travel, computer processing, supplies, copying and long-distance phone calls are acceptable. Typically, grants are for amounts from $100 - $500.

Sometimes the Board of Directors is unable to approve of the project right away. They may ask for more information or to ask you to modify your project so that it does not duplicate existing projects or so that it responds more closely to the public interest.

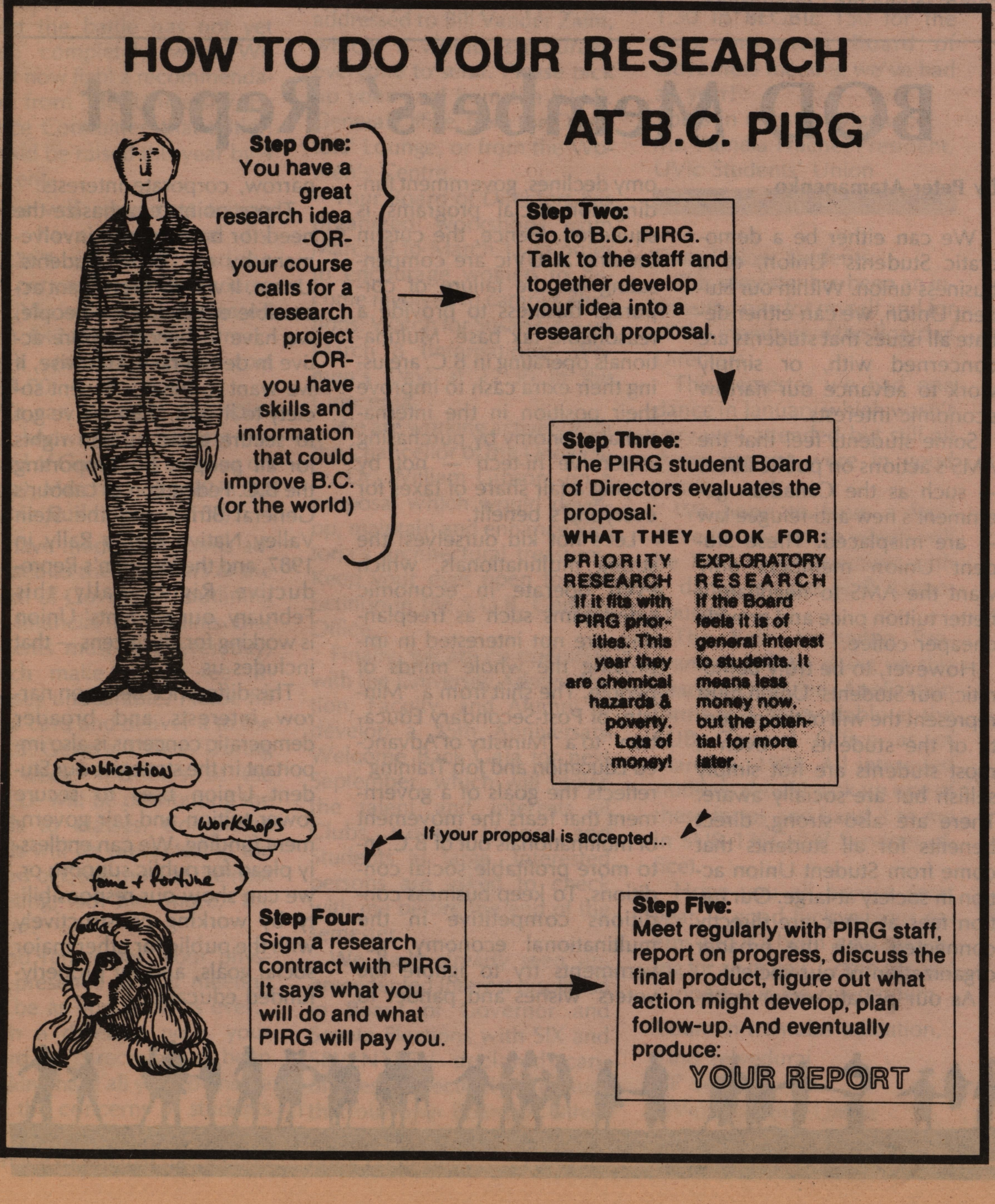
Once your project or conference application is approved, you sign a contract with B.C. PIRG and a cheque is given to you. You are expected to report regularly on your progress and any problems you have so that we can provide assistance and guide the project to its conclusion. In addition, B.C. PIRG has a library of unusual literature that you probably will not find in the public or university libraries and you are welcome to use it. We can also provide you with very low-cost on-line data searches on our computer, for a fraction of what it would normally cost in a library. Usually, a search costs 90 cents; data searches up to $5.00 are free of charge for students. Of course, you don't need to have a research project approved by B.C. PIRG to make use of this service — it is available to every student.

When you return home from your conference, you must give us a report and any materials distributed so that we may have a record of it available to other students. As for your research, we enter your report on our computer, edit it to academic standard and publish it with B.C. PIRG as the publisher and distributor, and you as the author. You remain the owner of the research. We have a long list of research reports that students have written and we send out this list from many places as far away as the University of Augsburg in West Germany. Two of the most popular publications are *Of Politics and Power — A Citizen's Guide to the British Columbia Legislature* by Mary Tait and *A Citizen's Guide to Hazardous Wastes* by Bill Brydon.

Sometimes these research reports, by publishing information not previously known or understood, are opposed by the existing authorities since the reports contradict official policies. Such a report was *Report on Birthparents and Adoption* by Diane Johnson. If this happens, the Board supports the student who authored the report in the interests of freedom of information and independence in research.

At other times, a research project takes such a novel approach to a problem that the authorities sit up and take notice, such as the Conference on Streetkids held last September here at University of Victoria. The federal Department of Justice endorsed the Conference and forwarded a grant for the publication of the Proceedings of the Conference. Spearheading of that project was the then Chair of the Board of Directors, Gudrun Gosen, a third-year student of Political Science.

So, if you have a project that you think the B.C. Public Interest Research Group might be able to fund, come and talk to us about it.



HOW TO DO YOUR RESEARCH AT B.C. PIRG

Step One: You have a great research idea -OR- your course calls for a research project -OR- you have skills and information that could improve B.C. (or the world)

Step Two: Go to B.C. PIRG. Talk to the staff and together develop your idea into a research proposal.

Step Three: The PIRG student Board of Directors evaluates the proposal.

WHAT THEY LOOK FOR:

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If it fits with PIRG priorities. This year they are chemical hazards & poverty. Lots of money!	If the Board feels it is of general interest to students. It means less money now, but the potential for more later.

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VOLUNTEERS FROM INDIA TO WORK IN CANADIAN NATIONAL PARKS:

THE INDO-CANADIAN ENVIRONMENT PROJECT

Adrienne Mason

Alka and Vivek Talwar

Bill Swan

Dawn in Corbett National Park, India

Since 1985 I have been fortunate to have travelled, studied and volunteered in India on two occasions. In 1985 I followed up on a recommendation to visit the Centre for Environment Education (CEE) in Ahmedabad, capital city of Gujarat State. The CEE is maintained by the Nehru Foundation for Development and is recognized by India's national government as a 'Centre of Excellence' in its field.

The CEE is actively involved in formulating environmental education materials and curriculum for use in the national and state level school systems. Other priority areas for the CEE include: the rural and urban environments; education materials for use in India's National Parks and sanctuaries; research and development of appropriate technologies and the production of education materials for use at the Delhi Zoo and the National Museum of Natural Sciences.

The staff at the CEE were humbling in their extension of hospitality and warmth. Their level of dedication to the cause of promoting environmental awareness in India was remarkable in its intensity and quality. I cannot possibly understate these compliments of the CEE for the monumental task they face environmentally in India is staggering.

It was with considerable excitement that I departed the CEE with an open invitation from the Centre's director, Kartikeya V. Sarabhai, to return with some more 'Canadian friends' and get involved in their projects.

In 1986-87 three friends and colleagues, Adrienne Mason and Pat Dunn who work as seasonal interpreters (naturalists) for Canada's National Parks and Morris Lamrock, seasonal interpreter for B.C. Provincial Parks, and myself, also a seasonal park interpreter in Kootenay National Park, accepted Kartikeya's invitation. Along with volunteering around the CEE itself we were to observe and assist with a children's nature camp that the World Wildlife Fund-India operates in cooperation with the CEE.

It was while we were at the WWF children's camp that an opportunity to complete the circle and have 'Indian friends' come to Canada to volunteer, study and travel, presented itself to us.

We met Vivek Talwar, an architect with Tata Chemicals of India, at the WWF camp that week. He was there to talk to with children about the work that his naturalist club is conducting on green sea turtle rehabilitation in Gujarat's coastal waters. As we were planning to leave camp the next day Vivek kindly invited the four of us to his home. He and his wife Alka, also an architect with Tata Chemicals, live in nearby Mitahpur, Gujarat. A planned two day stay stretched into a week long visit at the insistance of Alka and Vivek.

A very special friendship evolved over the course of that week, we could all feel it. It was a marvelous opportunity to discuss with people our age, similar academic backgrounds and interests, the differences and similarties of our cultures, global affairs, the Indian and Canadian environmental scenes, our love of nature and adventure in parks, Vivek's Bob Dylan tapes.... The conversations were endless as the infamous Indian ceiling fan spun slowly late into each night.

It was during the course of that week that the group made plans to travel to India's famous Corbett National Park in the State of Uttar Pradesh. Vivek has visited the park extensively over the past fourteen years and was obviously elated to act as our guide in 'his' beloved Corbett. In the park we travelled by elephant in search of tigers but the majestic cats eluded us all week. Much wildlife was spotted, however, and the beauty of that landscape will remain forever in our memories.

We are presently attempting to have Vivek and Alka come to Canada on a voluntary work and study tour, primarily in the Rocky Mountain Parks. They would like to gain experience on how the interpretive services in Canadian parks operate. The Indian parks system is gradually putting together an interpretive service in a few of its 247 national parks and sanctuaries. The need for environmental awareness through parks is critical, for while India's is the fastest growing system of protected areas in Asia it faces immense challenges to co-exist with the country's 800 million plus people. Vivek and Alka hope to contribute newly acquired skills to India's conservation efforts.

At this point we have secured the support of Environment Canada - Parks to provide the Talwars with lodging and transportation while in our parks and training in the many aspects of park management. Our parks stand to gain much from their volunteered skills and their perspectives; park visitors this summer will get an opportunity to enjoy presentations on India's parks.

The Association for Canadian Community Colleges has received our project enthusiastically and is presently aiding us in our search for funds. Vivek and Alka may also get an opportunity to enroll in

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THE LOGO CHALLENGE

There have been some murmurs of discontent recently, with regards to the ESSA logo. In order to gauge whether these murmurs are justified we have decided to sponsor a nationwide logo design contest. Should we receive no entries we will assume that the silent majority is enamored with our existing logo. If our offices are flooded by one or more entries, it will then be the responsibility of our astute panel of judges to determine whether one of the new proposed logos is more appropriate.

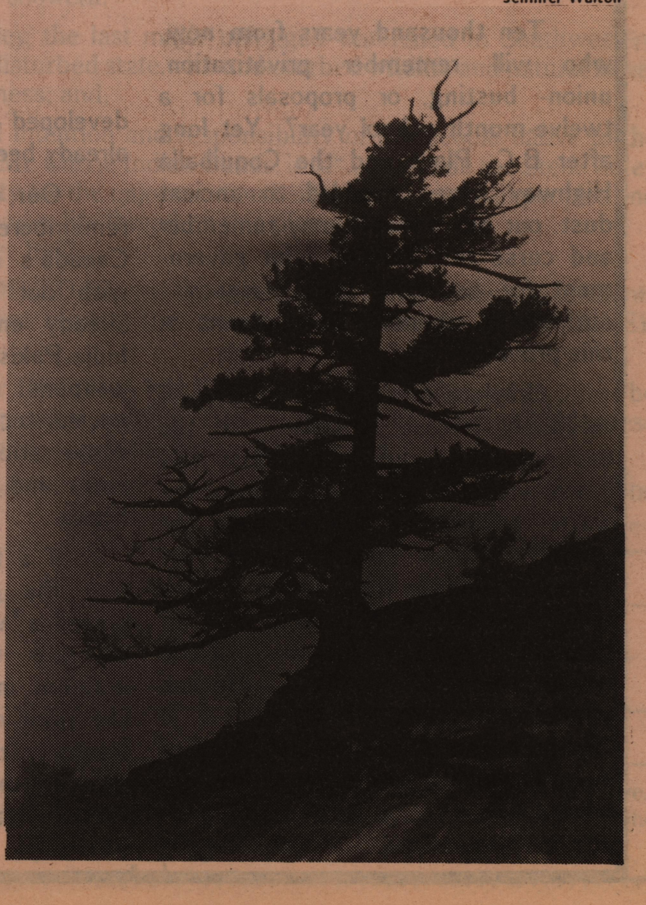
Please make all submissions less than 3 inches by 3 inches (8cm x 8cm) in size and enclose a brief explanation as to what your logo represents. If your design is selected as the GRAND PRIZE WINNER the awards are numerous. At the very least you will receive untold accolades from friends, family and fellow students. We will include a lifetime free subscription to the ESSENCE and you will likely experience a warm feeling in your tummy for years to come.

The closing date is April 15th so don't hesitate, imagining you have lots of time. Accept the logo challenge and be creative NOW!

PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

The Essence is pleased to announce that Jennifer Walton has won the grand and only prize in our first, "could become annual" photo contest. Her inspiring tree photo is displayed here. Jennifer wins a $30.00 gift certificate from **Munro's Books,** $20.00 of which was donated by Jim Munro himself. Thanks go out to Munro's Books and to all who took the time to send us a photo of 'their' tree. Other endearing entries may appear in future issues of the Essence.

Jennifer Walton



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BAT HER UP!: Gift Ideas for Wildlife and Your Mom

OK, so your Mom wasn't all that impressed with the 24 piece spatula set you carefully chose for her Christmas present. Not to worry, but you should start thinking about the next gift that you'll be giving her if you want to make amends. Give her a gift that's you -- made with your own hands, lovingly put together with only her enjoyment (and wildlife conservation) as your goal. Build her a bat house!

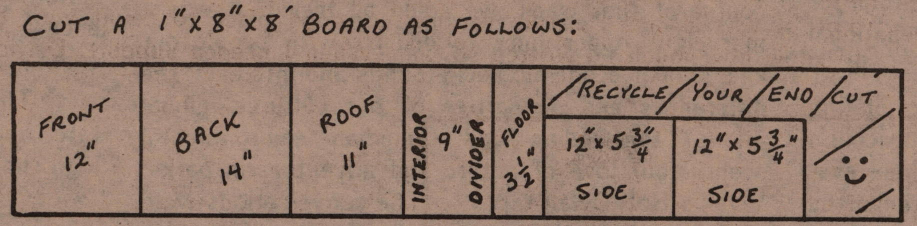
Those birds get all the attention, what with those cute little houses, elaborate feeders, everybody staring at them with expensive binoculars, and international conservation projects all making their lives happier.

Bats need a break, as they are nature's most vital pollinators in tropical regions. Many trees, shrubs and flowering plants in tropical rainforests are dependent on bats for seed dispersal and pollination. From the human perspective, if it wasn't for bats we might never have had bananas, peaches, breadfruits, plantains, mangoes, guavas, figs, avacados, cashews, cloves, tequilla, chicle latex (for chewing gum), balsa wood, manilla and sisal fibres for rope, and kapok for life jackets and bandages. Bat droppings are also an important source of fertilizer in some areas.

Alarmist myths about bats getting tangled in your hair are unfounded; to quote Dr. Merlin D. Tuttle, president of Bat Conservation International, "Bats have no interest at all in getting in your hair. If a bat can detect a mosquito in the dark, it sure as heck isn't going to blunder into your head." The rabies scare that surrounds bats is also blown out of proportion. Only ten people in the U.S. and Canada combined are believed to have contracted rabies from bats in the last forty years. In contrast, Dr. Tuttle states "...more people die annually from dog attacks, food poisoning contracted at church picnics, or even at the hands of their own spouses."

Most of the bats found in B.C. eat insects, but due to our cultural misrepresentations and ignorance of bats, they, like their tropical relatives, are persecuted and need habitat protection. Which brings us back to your mother's present.

MOM'S BAT HOUSE



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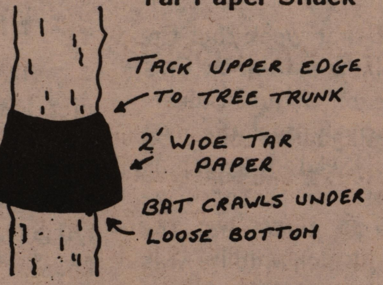

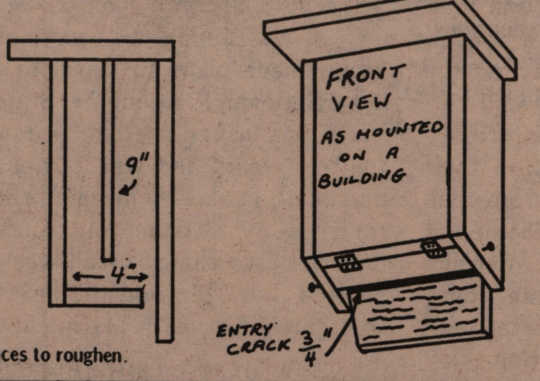

Score, or scratch entryway and all inner surfaces to roughen.

Larry Halverson, Assistant Chief Park Naturalist of Kootenay National Park, sends us the following information about bats and their housing needs.

"Bats feed during the evenings when the mosquitos are most abundant. The Big Brown Bat, which is common in B.C., is known to eat 3,000 to 7,000 mosquitos each night. So with an appetite like that, we should try to attract bats to where the mosquitos are 'bugging' us.

If you really want to put a dent in the mosquito population and you are handy with a hammer, try building a bat house. It is easily constructed from an 8 foot 1" by 8" board. Since bats like heat, the wood should be painted or stained a dark colour and the bat house located where it can catch the morning sun.

If your neighbors think you have gone batty, just tell them you are putting up a house for furry swallows (which actually have minimal effects on mosquito populations) then sit back and smile as you enjoy your summer evenings with fewer mosquitos."

B.Swan

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What is the use of a house if you
haven't got a tolerable planet
to put it on?

Henry David Thoreau

WHO INHERITS THE WIND?

Ten thousand years from now, who will remember privatization, union- busting, or proposals for a twelve-month school year? Yet long after B.C. Place and the Coquihalla Highway have crumbled to ancient dust, our descendants may remember and curse the Vander Zalm government for its most lasting legacy - authorizing uranium development in this province.

Uranium mining and milling will inevitably release radiation into the environment - radioactive dust and gases into the air, radium into the water, radioactive tailings onto the ground. Worse, such radiation may remain dangerous for a period of time which greatly exceeds the span of recorded human history. Little wonder that official B.C. Medical Association policy states that it is "irresponsible... to allow further development of uranium mining and reactor construction until a safe, proven, permanent disposal technology is developed for the wastes that have already been generated."

Our uranium folly may well be remembered internationally as well. Canada's uranium - exported along with our reactor technology - has already enabled both sides of the India-Pakistan feud to develop atomic weapons. We have contributed nuclear technology to such stable and democratic regimes as the Argentine junta and the government of South Korea.

If a third world war does destroy the planet, Canada will have played a "world-class" role. After all, we are the largest exporter of uranium in the world. Contrary to the spirit of the Nuclear Non- Proliferation Treaty, Canadian uranium is used in the nuclear weapons of the United States, Britain and France. Ironically, there is strong evidence that some Canadian uranium has found its way into Soviet warheads. Some would say such activity makes us a Partner in Enterprise. Others would say it makes us a Partner in Armageddon.

Chernobyl and Three Mile Island illustrate the hazards posed by civilian nuclear reactors. Last year the Soviet Union officially estimated that the Chernobyl accident could cause 44,500 cancer deaths, 89,000 non-fatal cancers, and numerous hereditary diseases that would cause additional deaths. Thousands of square miles of Soviet territory were contaminated, causing the evacuation and resettlement of 135,000 people. As far away as Sweden, the Laplander way of life has been shattered, as reindeer herds and pastures have been rendered useless by radiation. Sheep were condemned in Wales, lettuce in Italy, and significant levels of Chernobyl radiation fell on the city of Vancouver.

In 1979, Victoria appointed the Bates Commission to study the uranium issue in depth. However, when the 1980 uranium moratorium was announced, the Commission was prematurely terminated. The Commission was unable to hear the evidence of two-thirds of the experts scheduled to testify, including the vast majority of public interest witnesses.

In February of 1987, Victoria lifted the uranium moratorium. But the government has refused to reinstate the Bates Commission. The upshot is that it is again legal to develop uranium in B.C., yet the development will take place without the benefit of the full Public Inquiry that Victoria promised us in 1979.

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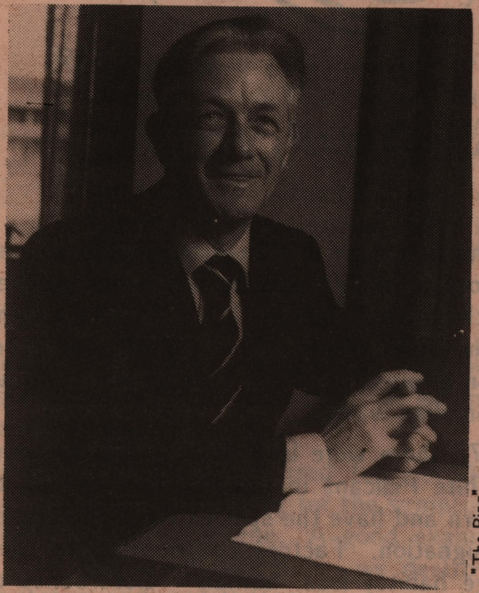
REMEMBERING DERRICK SEWELL



"The Ring"

On December 14, 1987 Dr. Derrick Sewell died of complications following heart bypass surgery. By the age of 56 years this dynamic man has left a lasting impression in the field of environmental education and management. He has researched and written 171 books and articles on a broad range of resource topics. He was a frequent consultant to government and international agencies and in the past five years had given 141 lectures at research institutions and universities around the world. One of his most recent undertakings was to serve as the vice-president of the Wilderness Advisory Committee.

Dr. Sewell had been with the UVIC Geography Department since 1966 and was chairman from 1979 to 1984. His message of better resource management will continue to be spread through his thousands of former students, colleagues and associates. A longtime friend, Dr. Harrry Foster, gave this eulogy for his memorial service on December 18th:

There are three types of people in this world.

Those who make things happen
Those who watch things happen
And those who don't know anything has happened.

Derrick, of course, made things happen. From New Delhi to Caracas and from Stockholm to Adelaide, Derrick has left his mark. He turned networking into an art form. His address book was a ledger and his telephone bills deserved a place in the Guinness Book of World Records. It was impossible to travel without meeting friends of Derrick; civil servants, politicians, businessmen, academics, journalists and janitors, all knew and liked Derrick Sewell.

Of course, there was never enough time. Derrick set his watch 15 minutes fast but always ran late. No wonder, his appointment schedule rivalled that of King's Cross Station. His day started early and finished late. When my telephone rang at 7:30 a.m., it was always Derrick, wanting to know how much I'd written so far that day. Time always ran away from Derrick. He'd frequently call at 3:30 or 4:00 p.m. to tell me it looked as if he might be late for our 2:30 meeting.

Everyone knew Derrick worked too hard. But his idea of slowing down was to catch a later flight. To relax after finishing a project he started two more. Determined to wear out, rather that rust out, Derrick didn't know what boredom was.

Nobody entertained more visiting academics than Derrick. He always went the extra mile, drove them from and to the airport, made them welcome and frequently put them up at his home. Indeed, during his last illness Derrick's chief concern was whether John Maunder was being looked after well. Yet despite his great need for friendship, Derrick was a man of integrity. On one memorable occasion when we were both serving on the Department's appointment committee. I pointed out a serious dilemma. "Derrick", I said, "Candidate X clearly has the best credentials, but he's a pain and will cause us endless trouble if he is appointed." "Yes", said Derrick "You're right, but academically he is the best, we must vote for him." We did.

When the world's your oyster, the madding crowd is happy to share the pearls. The doghouse is lonely, but it has one redeeming feature. It's a good place to count your friends. When I needed support, Derrick provided it. For twenty years he has been my best friend. I miss him, he was a character. Of course, he's probably in Heaven, rearranging the distrubution of harps, measuring the perceptions and attitudes of the angels and evaluating admission procedures.

As you may know a W.R.Derrick Sewell Scholarship Fund is being set up at the University of Victoria. How the money is to be spent is none of my business. However, that has never stopped me in the past and so I'd like to suggest that it should be used to pay the expenses of graduate students who are travelling, out of province, to give papers at conferences. Derrick would have liked that, supporting future generations of geographical jet setters.

Harold Foster
Friend and Colleague

Introduction by Ally Candy

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The Amish farmer explains that he hires no labour and considers his own as part of the profit, not of the cost.

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AN ACRE OF RAINFOREST

Every year between 11 and 15 million hectares of tropical rainforest are destroyed or damaged. At this alarming rate of destruction 3/4 of a million species will become extinct by the year 2000. The communities and cultures of indigenous people, who have used these rainforests as their resource base for centuries, are also threatened. The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) is attempting to secure 30,000 acres of Costa Rican Rainforest in the Monteverde Cloud Forest, which they hope will one day become a national park. One acre of this rainforest can be protected with a donation of $25.00 to the WWF. Donors receive a tax receipt and an honorary deed to the acre. The donation can be sent to:

WWF-Canada
60 St. Clair St. E.
Suite 201
Toronto, Ontario
M4T 1N5

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The ESSA has had an intensely busy few months. Most of our energy has been devoted to getting our forestry seminar series off the ground. I don't think any of us realized quite what we were getting ourselves into at the beginning of it all. However, everyone's hard work and enthusiasm has paid off. The series went extremely well with students and the public being treated to a variety of speakers addressing some of the pressing issues facing B.C.'s forests. Our objectives were to offer a forum for constructive dialogue and an opportunity for people to hear some alternative ideas concerning forests. I think we were quite successful in fulfilling these objectives.

Congratulations are in order to all the students who participated and worked together to make it happen. Our thanks is given to the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers for the financial assistance they provided in the form of a Green Gold Grant.

The ESSA welcomes the participation of all students who share an interest in the world around us. (You don't have to be in an E.S. course to participate). We meet each Wednesday at 12.30 in Clearihue B431. Feel free to drop by. We also invite students to make use of the E.S. reading room in Clearihue B021

Tom Rimmer

INDIA (CON'T)

Canadian college courses related to parks and conservation.

Our big challenge is airfare, approximately $3000.00 return for two people! Have you any suggestions? Our time frame is closing in as June draws nearer. If you believe in smaller scale projects and that real change can come about through personal contact this might be a project you would consider supporting. We view this project as a chance to become directly involved in international conservation, a project in which people making contact will make all the difference. All contributions will be gratefully received:

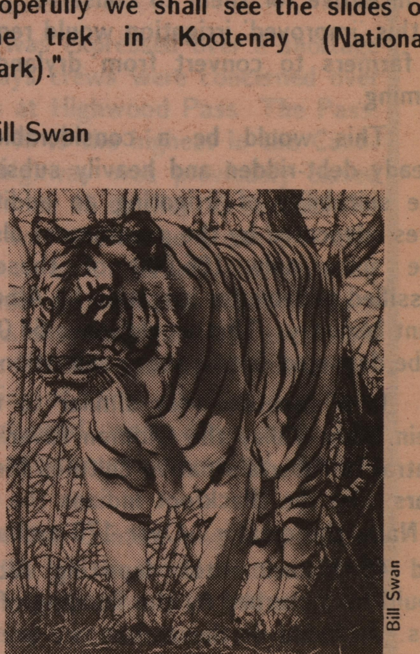
Indo-Canadian Environment Project
c/o Bill Swan
Environmental Studies Program
Box 1700
University of Victoria
Victoria, B.C.
V8W 2Y2

We will be giving a presentation on India's national parks, environmental education programs and the Indo-Canadian Environment Project · on April 6 at 7:30 in Clerihue C305. Photo's depicting India's people will be on sale to raise funds for the Project with all proceeds going to the fund. (see the ad in this issue) Everyone is welcome.

I would like to close with some words from Alka and Vivek's most recent correspondence to us:

"Alka and I have just come back from a trek to the source of the Ganga (and beyond). It involved climbing up to 15,200'. It was one of the most beautiful treks of our lives, and we were also lucky to see and photograph a flock of the elusive Bharal (Himalayan wild sheep). Hopefully we shall see the slides of the trek in Kootenay (National Park)."

Bill Swan



Bill Swan

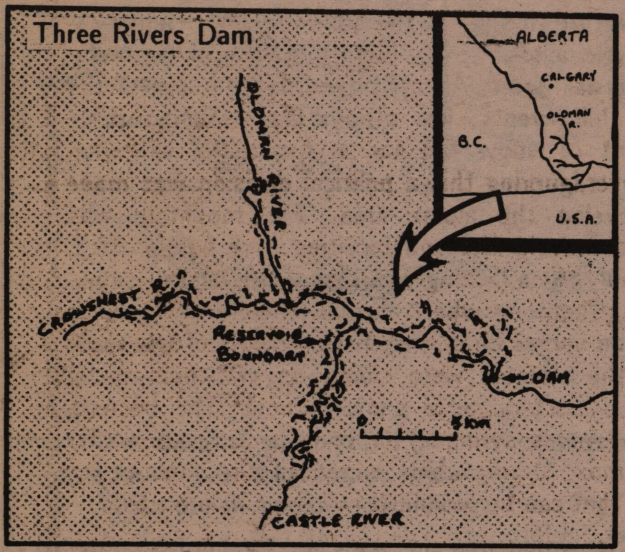
Bengal Tiger: Population rebounds against incredible odds

A SHORT LIFE FOR THE OLDMAN?

"What we're talking about is a few people, that I've referred to as social anarchists, who basically will find any excuse to try and disrupt things.... Look, if we have to go to court we will go to court; I will set aside public dollars that will take from senior citizens, hospitals, disabled people, to fight a silly, stupid issue that's absurd."

Such were the words of Alberta's Environment Minister, Ken Kowalski. The social anarchists he refers to are those who are fighting the proposed dam on the Oldman River in southern Alberta - including the 'Friends of the Oldman River'. The 'Friends' have gone to court with the Alberta government over the dam which has a final estimated economic cost of $350,000,000. The economic cost to every Albertan is at least $159 and all of this is to directly benefit 200-300 farms. To compound the irony, Albertans have been faced with spending cuts in education, medical and other social services.

The dam (which is actually being built at the confluence of the Castle, Crowsnest and Oldman River and is referred to as the Three Rivers Dam) is being purported by the government to provide a dependable supply of water for irrigation farming in Southern Alberta and to expand several off-stream reservoirs. As well, they claim it will irrigate an additional 170,000 acres, will increase food production and employment in the area and will also provide recreational opportunities on the reservoir.



The 'Friends' disagree with the government's position and maintain that there is no shortage of water in the proposed area - the problem is waste. Furthermore, since the farmers are not charged for the water they use but simply for delivery there is no incentive for them to conserve. The utilization of this 'improved' irrigation would require a number of farmers to convert from dryland to irrigation farming.

This would be a considerable expense to already debt-ridden and heavily subsidized farmers. The suitability of irrigating an additional 170,000 acres advocated by the government also is questionable since only 106,000 of these acres were classified suitable for irrigation by Alberta's Environment Ministry. This would leave 64,000 acres likely to be damaged due to heavy salination.

In a situation very similar to that in B.C.'s Stein River Valley the Oldman River area has been central to Alberta's native cultures for thousands of years. To the Blackfoot Indians the river belonged to Napi, the creator. Over 170 archaeological sites and 46 historic sites depicting Alberta's culture would be disturbed by the flooding of the three valleys. Included in these sites are prehistoric winter camp and kill sites of the Peigan Indians; some of the earliest ranches with sandstone ranch-houses in the foothills, and Doukobour communes unique to the area.

The proposed dam would have a devastating effect on the wildlife and natural areas of southern Alberta. The sheltered forests and gullies of the valley provide essential protection for hundreds of deer that inhabit the area. To compensate for lost habitat the government has proposed a band-aid solution - a planted 300 acre woodlot in a less sheltered area. Prairie falcons and the threatened ferruginous hawks nest in the area and will lose these sites to the dam. The proposed irrigation expansion will also destroy prairie habitat thus affecting another threatened species - the Burrowing Owl.

The Oldman River presently supports one of Canada's best and most extensive narrow-leaved Cottonwood forests. The Cottonwood rely on spring floods to provide the gravel bars on which they sprout - a tamed river would prevent gravel bar formation.

The Crowsnest and Oldman Rivers provide some of the best trout fishing in all of Alberta and indeed Canada. Fishermen travel world wide to visit the rivers. The government's own studies have shown that a reservoir would be unproductive and, since the reservoir is in the windiest part of the province, will become a barren, windswept dustbowl during the summer months.

Twenty-eight family farms upstream from the dam site have been expropriated to make way for the project. Some of these farms have been in the family for three generations and ironically they do not rely on irrigation subsidies from the taxpayers to survive.

Various groups have provided the government with alternatives to the dam. The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) has suggested that expropriated lands be made into a provincial parks and be promoted for their outstanding recreational and archaeological features.

A most notable proposal; Susatainable Economic Development Progressive Water Management, was created by Kevin Van Tighem of the 'Friends of the Oldman River'. He presented 13 alternatives to the dam. Along with proposals to improve existing irrigation facilites, to meter and charge for water use (thus promoting efficiency) and ideas for provincial and/or federal recreation and/or historic sites, he proposed that an Alberta Water Conservation Institute be established. The Institute would "serve as a centre for research into and development of new technologies for conserving and maximizing the benefits of water resources in semi-arid environments." He suggested this institute could become an international leader in water conservation since water shortage is already a major environmental problem worldwide.

Another unique proposal was to replace crop deficiency payments ("payments that are delivered only after uneconomical crops have been produced at great expense of agricultural chemicals, energy costs, soil and water depletion and human morale") with a program that pays farmers to 'grow soil'. Van Tighem proposed that farmers be encouraged to convert land to permanent forage crops (perennial grasses and legumes) that re-build soil depleted by cropping. The program would also provide wildlife habitat and livestock forage and would "invest in the future of Alberta's agriculture."

Like the struggles in South Moresby, the Stein Valley and Stratcona Park, the Oldman River controversy is not just a local, Albertan fight. It is one in a number of struggles to maintain unique areas in Canada. To lend support or for more information write:

Friends of the Oldman River
455-12th St. N.W.
Calgary, Alberta
T2N 1Y9

Latest update on the court case: Earlier a judge cancelled all permits by the government and the dam was halted. The government appealed and at the last moment dropped the appeal. The government has since re-issued itself permits to go ahead with the dam.

Adrienne Mason

A SIGNIFICANT VICTORY

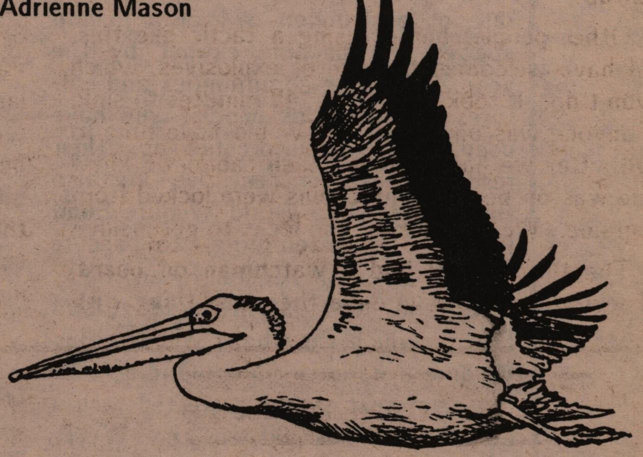
For the first time in Canadian wildlife conservation history a wildlife species has been removed from the threatened species list. Thanks to the efforts of theWorld Wildlife Fund (WWF) and other conservation groups the White Pelican will continue to grace Canadian waters.

In 1978 there were less than 15,000 breeding pairs of White Pelicans in Canada, few enough to cause concern and have the species given threatened species designation. Factors contributing to their decline were habitat loss, human disturbance of nesting sites and toxic contaminants.

In 1984 a major 'offensive' was launched by the WWF, Manitoba and Saskatchewan governments and the Canadian Wildlife Service to protect the pelicans. The Canada Life Assurance Company, whose company logo is the White Pelican, sponsored the program which concentrated on the Pelican's nesting sites in prairie lakes in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. These lakes provided nesting grounds for 50-60 % of North America's White Pelican population. The cooperating agencies were able to reduce the use of pesticides in the area, keep people and other animals away from nesting sites and removed debris such as fallen logs from these sites.

By 1986 the numbers of breeding pairs had increased to 50,000 and warranted the removal of White Pelicans from the threatened species list. This significant victory in wildlife conservation is only the beginning however, it gives a glimmer of hope to the remaining 138 endangered species in Canada.

Adrienne Mason



DIOXIN DIAPERS

You may not be aware that disposable diapers contain the toxin dioxin. As well as the serious health threat these diapers pose to their wearers the dioxins accumulating in land-fill sites also pose a threat to the children's environment. If time and convenience are the reasons you choose disposables why not try using a diaper service?

"A tree has no value unless it can be converted into profit"

Adam Zimmerman
Chairman of MacMillan Bloedel

A JUSTIFIABLE ACT ?

(PART 2)

Rod Coronado is a member of the Sea Shepherd Society, an organization founded by Paul Watson and based in Vancouver, which claims responsibility for sinking two vessels of Iceland's whaling fleet November 8th last year. Three members of Environmental Studies 300, interviewed Coronado on October 17th,1987 about his role in this incident. In Part 1 of this two part interview, Coronado spoke about the basic philosophy of the Society and about his personal views. Part 2 deals with the actual sinking of the ships in Iceland.

Essence: What would you say to someone who would criticize the direct action that groups like Sea Shepherd takes?

Rod: We've been criticized for not dealing with the problems, just looking for the symptoms. I don't really think that's true. A good example is Iceland. We destroyed two ships, we destroyed a whaling station and we left that country outraged at us. But look what's happened now. It's been a year and people know what scientific whaling is. They know that it's just a cover up for pirate whaling. They know that the (International Whaling Commission, IWC) moratorium just isn't holding, that people are still killing whales and the public is aware of this. People will begin to question the authority of Iceland, and in the long-run I think one of the best modes of public education is through direct action! Because it brings the problem out into the open.

Essence: How exactly were the ships sunk?

Rod: Oh it's just a simple thing. Dave and I have both been engineers on the Sea Shepherd. We know what's good for an engine and what's bad. So when we just decided to stop them the only way that they could be stopped was by property destruction. We realized the most effective way to do that would be employing an old WWII tactic which was to scuttle the fleet and deny it to the enemy. All this really entailed was the pulling of one valve, the sea valve. Which is literally like pulling the plug on a bathtub.

Other people, before using a tactic like this, would have welcomed the use of explosives, which we won't do. It took more time, 45 minutes to sink, so if anyone was on board they would have time to get off. But we had searched each cabin, we knew no one was on board. The cabins were locked from the outside. We had to bust the locks to get inside.

The third vessel had a watchman on board. We knew we could have done the same thing with that vessel. He could have gotten off, he would have had time, but people would have questioned us for that.

We would have liked to sink as many whaling vessels as possible but had to anticipate the way the public would feel.

Essence: Did the media know immediately that the Sea Shepherd Society was responsible?

Rod: Yes, it was immediate.

Essence: Did they know it was you when you were in Iceland?

Rod: No. I'd been to Iceland before in 1985. I'd checked out the harbour where the whaling ships were. I'd been to the whaling station. I knew that it was vulnerable. But I knew, at the time we wouldn't have as much support as we would if we waited one more year 'til the (whaling) moratorium came into effect. Also we knew we didn't need a visa to enter Iceland, so they wouldn't know ahead of time who I was.

Essence: Don't you stand out like a sore thumb in Iceland?

Rod: Well, yes I don't look Icelandic. But they didn't expect that type of thing. Crime is almost unknown to them. I think they've had two murders in their whole history.

Essence: On a more personal level, have you ever had to go to jail, and when you take these actions what runs through your mind? How far will I go? How much will I give up?

Rod: I've been to jail twice now. Once in the Faroe Islands for interfering with whale killing. And last month for the fur thing, I was in jail for a week. On a personal basis it's the worst think for me because being stripped of my freedom, which I value more than almost anything, is worse than pain. But them when I look at it as far as what I have to pay compared to what the whales have to pay, it's nothing in comparison.

ENVIRONMENT GOING DOWN HILL FOR THE OLYMPICS?

The winter of 1988 will be remembered as the time the Rocky Mountains played host to the world's top athletes. An exciting time in which Calgary and the former coal mining town of Canmore felt the life pulse of such an event. The pulse was strong but what about the other vital signs?

Not unlike Expo, the media attention paid to the Olympics was enourmous, yet through all the glamour of the games the environmental considerations got a snow job - literally. Nakiska (formerly known as Mount Allen), picked for the site of the down hill events, has always had an inadequate amount of snow fall for a successfull ski area. However,ignoring this a political decision was made to develop the alpine area. The mountain was logged and ski lifts and facilities were put in place. The only thing lacking was that white dust ... snow. This is the point where normal environmental manipulation verges ~~on~~ science fiction. Most of the snow that the athletes were skiing on was man-made, using a bacteria as a snow inducer. The bacteria (Pseudomoas syringae) or commercially known as Snowmax, dramatically increases the amount of snow that can be produced by acting as a nucleus.

Snowmax was also used for the nordic ski circuit, situated above the town site of Canmore. A five foot base of the artificial snow was required to ensure that the Olympic events could take place. On January 20, the town's ususal water supply was closed down due to possible leakage of Snowmax into the reservoir. One public works person stated "there is just not enough known about possible side effects of the bacteria."

While concern was expressed over a shortage of snow, the highways crews were concerned over avalanche conditions at Highwood Pass. The Pass, located on Highway 40 is the highest in the Canadian Rockies. The highway was previously closed each year from December 15 to May 15 because the steep narrow valley was avalanche prone and also because the valley was an important elk wintering range. Again a political decision was made to keep the highway open to encourage tourists to attend the Olympic events in Kananaskis Country. On January 5 the remains of three elk that had been poached in the Highwood were discovered. The animals became yet another environmental sacrifice for the Olympics.

It is unfortunate that Canada may have missed a golden opportunity to tell the world that our wilderness areas and the mountains that attracted the Olympic games come first above short term development.

Kirsten Schmitten
Canmore, Alberta

LETTER TO THE PREMIER

In half an hour three provincial cabinet ministers overturned a decision that a government commission had taken two years to reach. A golf course will now be built in the center of 44 hectares of prime agricultural land in the Okanagan. What destructive effects will this have on the adjacent dairy farm and the agricultural community as a whole? What justification did these ministers have for removing this extremely high quality and increasingly rarer farmland from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)? A golf course already exists less than a mile away.

Approximately 70% of all ALR Commission decisions concerning the status of agricultural land are overturned by cabinet ministers. Are we to believe that in half an hour three people can sufficiently understand the complex issues concerned and remake an informed decision that people living in the community required two years to reach? Once again the ALR, under the existing government, has shown to be no protection. Critically important decisions with long term ramifications continue to be based on political whim!

Morris Lamrock

Percentage of Americans who know CPR: 51
Percentage who know how to jump-start a car: 70
Harper's, Oct. 87

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Bill Swan

WILDLIFE REHABILITATION PROGRAM IN NANAIMO

Arne Maclean

Dr. Chris Yeomans and bald eagle

The Morrell Sanctuary Society for Environmental Education has formed a Wildlife Rehabilitation Committee under the guidance of Dr. Chris Yeomans, a board member of the Society. Among others, a Canada Goose and a Bald Eagle have been fortunate to have benefitted from Dr. Yeoman's healing hands.

The Royal touch was also felt by the female Bald Eagle before it was released in Stzumiaus Park near Ladysmith, B.C.. Prince Phillip, who is also President of the World Wildlife Fund, banded the eagle ceremoniously while visiting in Victoria.

The main focus of the Morrell Sanctuary Society is environmental education, particularily of school age children from Nanaimo and surrounding area. Last year more than 5000 school children visited that sanctuary and took part in programs like, "Tadpole Tidbits', 'Fascinating Feathers', 'Senses', 'Pond Puddlers', and 'Meet-a-Tree'.

Volunteers are the strength of the Society; an Interpretive Training Program is offered to volunteers who will work directly on the school programs (preschool to grade 7). The training program provides those volunteers with an overview of the Society's philosophy, goals and objectives as well as equipping them with the interpretive skills necessary for their job.

The Morrell Sanctuary Society is looking forward in 1988 as they continue their efforts to raise funds for a Nature Centre and the Wildlife Rehabilitation Program. You are invited to contact the Society for more information on their programs, memberships and volunteer opportunities.

Morrell Sanctuary
1050 Nanaimo Lakes Road,
Nanaimo, B.C.
V9R 5P4

Bill Swan

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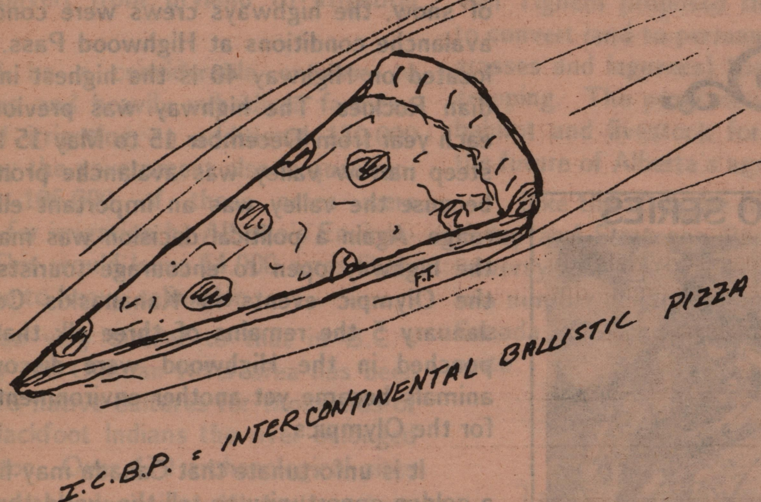

"It takes longer to deliver a pizza
than a nuclear warhead."
Kirsten Schmitten (on pizza & nuclear war)

This letter from Bruce Strachan, Minister of Environment and Parks was sent to the ESSENCE in response to an earlier letter we published in November of 87'.

Dear Editor,

I would like to comment on the letter by B. Lynn dealing with mining in Strathcona Park which appeared in your November 1987 issue. It presents a far bleaker picture of the future of our oldest provincial park -- and, by extension, of the park system -- than is warranted by the facts.

The strong feelings expressed by your correspondent are emotions we all share when industry impinges on a natural landscape. That we respond with incredulity when this happens in a park is a measure of how far we have come since the resource tenures in Strathcona were established.

As many of your readers will be aware, the demand that parks serve a strongly protective function is a relatively new one, which has emerged since British Columbia became conscious of their finite land base. Furthermore, in its early days, our park system evolved without the benefit of the kinds of planning, public consultation and resource analysis which we use today.

Recent governments have worked hard to resolve existing conflicts while providing for the future of our parks. In addition to the above-mentioned skills, this has required tactful, patient negotiation, a willingness to accept economic and legal realities, and a determination to arrive at solutions which would result in a net benefit to the park system.

In March 1987, I issued a public statement which set out the government's position on Strathcona Park and outline our plan for dealing with the question of mineral and forest tenures. This document is available from my Ministry's Information Services Branch. Since then, Parks staff have held public consultation sessions to explain the recent boundary changes and obtain input to a draft management plan for the park.

Concurrently, the government has:

* established a comprehensive, province-wide strategy for wilderness designation and protection, involving the provincial resource ministries;

* successfully concluded difficult transactions with the federal government on Pacific Rim and South Moresby;

* added 690,000 hectares to the provincial park system and established seven new parks and recreation areas plus six significant additions to existing parks;

* confirmed six Wildlife Management Areas across the province under the Wildlife Act; and

* established a new category of Forest Wilderness Areas for Provincial Forest lands.

The people of British Columbia have every reason to be proud of these achievements. None of them happened over-night; each resulted from years of painstaking effort in response to public concern.

In the case of Strathcona, we can be proud too. While we cannot undo all the results of historic decisions, we have made substantial progress in revising park boundaries which were universally acknowledged to be irrational, and given 100 per cent (Class A) protection to 95 per cent of the park area. The remaining area will assume this status when resource tenures lapse.

It is misleading, and unfair to our province's mining industry and environmental safety standards, to characterize the present state of Strathcona Park in terms of cancer, poison and watershed pollution. Issues of this importance don't become clearer when discussed in this way.

I invite your correspondent, and your readers, to use the resource of the univeristy and my ministry to find out more about how complex conservation issues really can be. Our parks, along with our resource industries and agencies, deserve nothing less than that kind of informed scrutiny.

Yours sincerely,
Bruce Strachan

URANIUM (CON'T)

Two-thirds of the Bates Commission's scheduled expert witnesses have yet to give their oral testimony, and the Commission has yet to hear the bulk of the evidence on issues of environmental control, occupational safety, and ethics.

If the province intends to develop uranium, at the very least we should give the issue the benefit of a careful and complete Royal Commission study. The roster of eminent international scientists who were to be called by the B.C. Medical Association should be allowed to testify at public hearings, along with other public interest experts.

We owe such a careful study to the B.C. miners who face increased cancer rates, to the neighbours of uranium development who face the prospect of radioactive air and water, and to the people of the world who face the consequences of future Chernobyls and Hiroshimas. We also owe it to unborn generations of British Columbians who - bereft of a vote in the last election - will nevertheless be the ones to inherit the wind, the water, and the radioactive tailings.

Calvin Sandborn
Staff Counsel for the West Coast
Environmental Law Association

B.C. exports Stein Valley in raw logs every year

B.C. annually exports more than a complete Stein Valley worth of raw logs.

The B.C. government's recent decision to allow logging in the Stein is aimed at delaying inevitable timber supply shortages in the Fraser Canyon forest industry. At the same time however, government policy allows logging companies to haul the best quality sawlogs past local mills for sale at higher prices to foreign countries.

The short term profitability of B.C. logging companies is maximized, but at the expense of the local long term timber supply. Loaded logging trucks roll past the Boston Bar mill hourly to sorting grounds in Chilliwack; and Cattermole Timber Ltd. is reported to be exporting raw logs from the Anderson Creek area, just south of Boston Bar.

Sections 135 to 137 of the B.C. Forest Act require that most of the timber harvested in B.C. be milled or processed in the province before sale to foreign markets. The Forest Act, however, also allows B.C. logging companies to apply for permission to sell raw logs to foreign buyers. If local buyers do not make a reasonable offer on the logs within two weeks, the logs are considered surplus to the needs of local mills and may be exported as raw logs.

A certain volume of raw log exports in times of depressed markets might be understandable, but why is so much sold in this way when lumber prices are currently high? B.C. raw log exports have steadily risen over the last 10 years, so that last year almost 10 percent of the B.C. coastal harvest, the cream of the crop, was sold to foreign markets, mostly Japan. In 1986, B.C. exported 2,576,700 cubic metres in raw logs, the equivalent of 1.3 complete Stein Valleys and since 1977 almost eight Stein Valleys worth of raw logs have been exported.

Proof that logs for export are bypassing Boston Bar mill.

Destination of logging truck above—Chilliwack dry land sort where high grade logs are being selected for export.

Southwestern British Columbia's last major unlogged valley

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☐ Send me ________ copies of the Stein paper and I will distribute them.

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☐ Please send me ________ copies of the Stein Petition to circulate.

☐ Here is my tax deductible donation of $________ to help you do the research and educational work needed to keep the Stein roadless forever. (Even a small donation is appreciated and will be put to good use!)

☐ Here is $15 for my annual WCWC membership.

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THANK YOU FOR CARING ABOUT THE STEIN!

Please send as soon as possible to: **Western Canada Wilderness Committee**
#103-1520 West 6th Ave.
Vancouver, B.C., V6J 1R2

STEIN VALLEY PETITION

To the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of the PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA in LEGISLATURE ASSEMBLED this PETITION of British Columbia voters and other concerned citizens humbly showeth;

WHEREAS the Stein Valley, the last major unlogged watershed in Southwestern British Columbia, in its undisturbed state with undisturbed wildlife and natural forest is more valuable as wilderness; and,

WHEREAS the expressed intention and responsibility of the people native to the watershed, the Lytton and Mt. Currie Indian Bands, is to"... maintain the Stein Valley as a wilderness in perpetuity for the enjoyment and enlightenment of all peoples and the enhancement of the slender life-thread on this planet."
-Stein Declaration, October 1987,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the undersigned British Columbia residents and other concerned citizens request that the decision to log the STEIN RIVER VALLEY be rescinded.

We humbly pray that your HONOURABLE HOUSE may be pleased to pass the necessary legislation to preserve the ENTIRE STEIN VALLEY as a wilderness watershed; and in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

NAME (Please print) SIGNATURE FULL ADDRESS POSTAL CODE

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Please clip and return to Western Canada Wilderness Committee, #103-1520 W. 6th Ave., Vancouver, B.C., V6J 1R2, by March 15, 1988. (Partially filled petitions are acceptable. Even one signature will help.)

NOTICES

MARCH 9 - FORESTS OF B.C.

- A presentation by Cameron Young, acclaimed author of the "Forests of B.C.". The Newcombe Auditorium at 7:30 PM.

MARCH 13 - THE LAST OF THE GIANTS

- Hans Romer leads a field-trip to Red Creek (near Port Renfrew) for a look at Canada's largest known tree. The trip goes from 8:30 AM - 6:30 PM. Call 387-5745 for more information.

MARCH 14 - GREATER VICTORIA DISARMAMENT GROUP

- This general meeting includes a film and discussion concerning Chernobyl. Meet at the Unitarian Hall, 106 Superior at 7:30 PM.

MARCH 18 - THE WHEEL OF LIFE

- A celebration of the natural world in words, music, song and images. The Newcombe Auditorium at 8:00 PM.

MARCH 24 - CONFLICT RESOLUTION

- Beyond War sponsors this workshop dealing with effective means of conflict resolution. Camosun College, Lansdowne Campus, Fisher Building, room 310 at 7:45 PM.

APRIL 6 - ENVIRONMENT & PARKS IN INDIA

- A slide/talk presentation on education and conservation in India with Bill Swan. Clerihue c305 at 7:30.

APRIL 8-10 - CARIBOO HORSE LOGGERS ASSOCIATION

- Horse logging and other selected forestry topics are the focus of this conference in Quesnel. Call 747-3363 for more information.

APRIL 28 - GAIA, THE EARTH GODDESS

- A video presentation of Lovelock's view of the earth as a self regulating organic system. A discussion will follow. Camosun College, Lansdowne Campus, Fisher Buiding, room 310 at 7:45 PM.

This Essence section is open to all environmentally relevant upcoming events and notices. Call the Essence staff at 721-7355 if you have something to add.

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> trade is a danger to Canadian
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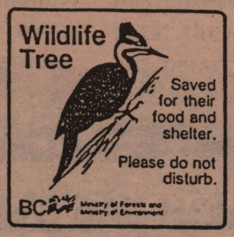
> Brian Mulroney
> 1983

MEETING NEEDS OF WILDLIFE

Decaying trees greater than 25 cm (10in) in diameter are generally more important to wildlife than smaller ones. Those with broken tops and dead branches are likely occupied. Cavity holes, feeding notches and fresh chips at the base of trees are signs that the tree is used. Many wildlife trees are removed by logging and firewood cutting. The Ministry of Forests has a stated policy to help protect these trees. Avoid cutting trees which have evidence of wildlife use or trees posted with yellow wildlife tree signs. If these trees are left standing they will continue to provide shelter and food for the many species of wildlife that live in the forests of B.C. Over the years, trees will pass into their declining life stage and sustain owls, woodpeckers and other animals that depend on wildlife trees.

Watch for these signs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- 1/2 cup butter or oil
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- 1 1/2 cups honey
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 t. vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 t. salt
- 1 t. baking soda
- 3 cups rolled oats
- 1 cup coconut
- 3/4 cup bran
- 1/4 wheat germ
- 1 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped peanuts

Cream butter or oil, peanut butter and honey. Add eggs and vanilla, then molest well. Stir in flour, salt and baking soda until very smooth. Add remaining ingredients and blend well. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto greased cookie sheets. If a large meal is anticipated, use 1/4 cup of dough for each cookie. Bake at 375 F for 10-20 minutes, depending on the amount of hair you'd like on your chest.

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RECYCLING

Recycling is on the roll in Victoria. After years of receiving a cold shoulder from Victoria, Oak Bay and Esquimalt city councils, a decision of the Capital Regional District to fund curbside recycling in the Greater Victoria municipalities could see tenders go out to private recycling companies within the next year.

Tom Lidkae, an engineer with the C.R.D. and author of the C.R.D.'s Solid Waste Management Plan, says "the C.R.D. board accepted the plan in the middle of December... what needs to be worked out still is how the subsidies will work, what services the municipalities want such as the frequency of pick up, and what sort of (recycling) containers to buy. Then the tenders go out."

The Solid Waste Management Plan will govern the disposal of garbage in the Greater Victoria region for the next 30 years. Curbside recycling is a major part of the plan which projects that the amount of recycled garbage will increase from the present 2% of total waste to 10% by 1993 and 15% by 1998. Operating costs for the recycling program, including an initial $50,000 for start up costs, promotion and advertising, will be provided for by higher dumping fees.

At present only Saanich has a 'multi-material' curbside recycling program. Glass bottles, tin cans and newspapers are collected triweekly from about 25,000 households. In other areas of Greater Victoria the C.R.D. operates drop off boxes for recyclable materials and a central recycling depot on Borden St.. The Vancouver Island Recycling Society also conducts curbside pick-up for newspaper only, in James Bay and Fairfield.

Under the plan the C.R.D.'s drop off boxes in Esquimalt and Oak Bay and the Borden St. recycling depot would be eliminated. In their place private companies would be contracted to collect recyclables directly from households on a regular basis, as is done in Saanich.

The cost of the program, estimated at $195,000 for 1988, will be offset by an increase in the dumping fees charged to the municipalities. City councils such as Victoria which have been intransigent on implementing their own recycling in the past will have to either engage private recycling companies themselves and receive a subsidy from the C.R.D. or pay at the dump for the C.R.D. to tender the contracts.

Tom Lidkae says that he does not anticipate a conflict between the C.R.D. and the city councils over the plan. "I can't see them not accepting fees so the cost will be covered. They also recognize that recycling is politically popular. But we may have a bit of selling to do."

On the down side the waste management plans also include draining Heal Lake to expand the Hartland Landfill site and diverting leachate, liquid leached through dumped waste, through sewer pipelines to the MacCauley outfall in Esquilmalt. These plans have gone for approval from the Provincial Ministry of the Environment and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The site used at Hartland dump will be full by 1993.

Bill Little